

**"as originally filed"**

Ferroelectric active-matrix displays  
having a broad operating temperature range

5 Replacement of the cathode ray tube with a flat panel screen requires a  
display technology which simultaneously makes it possible to achieve a  
high resolution, i.e. more than 1 000 lines, a high brightness ( $> 200 \text{ Cd/m}^2$ ),  
a high contrast ( $> 100:1$ ), a high frame rate ( $> 60 \text{ Hz}$ ), an adequate color  
representation ( $> 16$  million), a large image format ( $> 40 \text{ cm}$ ), a low power  
consumption and a wide viewing angle, at low production costs. At present,  
10 there is no technology which fully satisfies all these features  
simultaneously.

Many manufacturers have developed screens which are based on nematic  
liquid crystals and have been used in recent years in the field of notebook  
15 PCs, personal digital assistants, desktop monitors etc. Use is made here of  
the technologies STN (supertwisted nematics), AM-TN (active matrix -  
twisted nematics), AM-IPS (active matrix - in-plane switching) and AM-MVA  
(active matrix - multidomain vertically aligned), which are described in detail  
in the relevant literature (see, for example, T. Tsukuda, TFT/LCD: Liquid  
20 Crystal Displays Addressed by Thin-Film Transistors, Gordon and Breach  
1996, ISBN 2-919875-01-9 and the references cited therein; SID  
Symposium 1997, ISSN-0097-966X and the references cited therein).  
Furthermore, mention should be made of the technologies PDP (plasma  
display panel), PALC (plasma addressed liquid crystal), ELD (electro-  
25 luminescent display), FED (field emission display) etc., which are also  
explained in the above-cited SID report.

Clark and Lagerwall (US patent 4,376,924) were able to show that the use  
of ferroelectric liquid crystals (FLC) in very thin cells results in opto-  
30 electrical switching or display elements which have response times which  
are faster by a factor of up to 1 000 compared with conventional TN  
(twisted nematic) cells (see, for example, EP-A 0 032 362). Owing to this  
and other favorable properties, for example the possibility of bistable  
switching and the fact that the contrast is virtually independent of the  
35 viewing angle, FLCs are basically suitable for areas of application such as  
computer displays and TV sets, as shown by a monitor marketed in Japan  
by Canon since May 1995.

The use of FLCs in electro-optical or fully optical components requires either compounds which form tilted or orthogonal smectic phases and are themselves optically active, or the induction of ferroelectric smectic phases by doping compounds which, although forming such smectic phases, are not themselves optically active, with optically active compounds. The desired phase should be stable over the broadest possible temperature range to ensure that the display has a broad operating range.

The individual pixels of an LC display are usually arranged in an x,y matrix formed by the arrangement of a series of electrodes (conductor tracks) along the rows and a series of electrodes along the columns on the upper or lower side of the display. The points of interception of the horizontal (row) electrodes and the vertical (column) electrodes form addressable pixels.

This pixel arrangement is usually referred to as a passive matrix. For addressing, various multiplex schemes have been developed, as described, for example, in Displays 1993, vol. 14, No. 2, pp. 86-93, and Kontakte 1993 (2), pp. 3-14. Passive matrix addressing has the advantage of simpler display production and consequently lower production costs, but the disadvantage that passive addressing can only be carried out line by line, which results in the addressing time for the entire screen with N lines being N times the line addressing time. For usual line addressing times of about 50 microseconds, this means a screen addressing time of about 60 milliseconds in, for example, the HDTV (high definition TV, 1152 lines) standard, i.e. a maximum frame rate of about 16 Hz, too slow for displaying moving images. In addition, display of gray shades is often difficult. At the FLC conference in Brest, France (July 20-24, 1997, see Abstract Book 6th International Conference on Ferroelectric Liquid Crystals, Brest / France), a passive FLC display with digital gray shades was shown by Mizutani et al., in which each of the RGB pixels (RGB = red, green, blue) was divided into sub-pixels, allowing the display of gray shades in digital form through partial switching. Using three basic colors (red, green, blue), N gray shades result in  $3^N$  colors. The disadvantage of this method is the considerable increase in the number of screen drivers necessary and thus in the costs (in the case of the display shown in Brest, three times as many drivers were necessary as in a standard FLC display without digital gray shades).

In so-called active-matrix technology (AMLCD), a nonstructured substrate is usually combined with an active-matrix substrate. An electrically non-linear element, for example a thin-film transistor, is integrated into each pixel of the active-matrix substrate. The non-linear elements can also be diodes, metal-insulator-metal and similar elements, which are advantageously produced by thin-film processes and are described in the relevant literature (see, for example, T. Tsukuda, TFT/LCD: Liquid Crystal Displays Addressed by Thin-Film Transistors, Gordon and Breach 1996, ISBN 2-919875-01-9, and the references cited therein).

Active-matrix LCDs are usually operated with nematic liquid crystals in TN (twisted nematics), ECB (electrically controlled birefringence), VA (vertically aligned) or IPS (in-plane switching) mode. In each case, the active matrix generates an electric field of individual strength on each pixel, producing a change in alignment and thus a change in birefringence, which is in turn visible in polarized light. A severe disadvantage of these processes is the poor video capability, i.e. the excessively slow response times of nematic liquid crystals.

For this and other reasons, liquid-crystal displays based on a combination of ferroelectric liquid-crystal materials and active-matrix elements have been proposed, for example in WO 97/12355 or Ferroelectric 1996, 179, 141-152, W.J.A.M. Hartmann (IEEE Trans. Electron. Devices 1989, 36 (9; Pt. 1), 1895-9, and Dissertation, Eindhoven, The Netherlands, 1990).

Hartmann used a combination of the so-called "quasi-bookshelf geometry" (QBG) of an FLC and a TFT (thin-film transistor) active matrix to simultaneously achieve high response speed, gray shades and high transmission. However, the QBG is not stable over a broad temperature range, since the temperature dependence of the smectic layer thickness disrupts or rotates the field-induced layer structure. Moreover, Hartmann utilizes an FLC material having a spontaneous polarization of more than  $20 \text{ nC/cm}^2$ , which, for pixels having realistic dimensions of, for example,  $0.01 \text{ mm}^2$ , leads to high electrical charges (at saturation,  $Q = 2 A P$ ,  $A$  = pixel area,  $P$  = spontaneous polarization). With low-cost amorphous silicon TFTs, for example, these high charges cannot reach the pixel in the course of the opening time of the TFT. For these reasons, this technology has not been pursued any further to date.

While Hartmann utilizes the charge-controlled bistability to display a virtually continuous gray scale, Nito et al. have suggested a monostable FLC geometry (Journal of the SID, 1/2, 1993, pp. 163-169) in which the FLC material is aligned by means of relatively high voltages such that only a single stable position results from which a number of intermediate states are generated by application of an electric field via a thin-film transistor. These intermediate states correspond to a number of different brightness values (gray shades) when the cell geometry is matched between crossed polarizers.

The disadvantage of the paper by Nito et al. is the occurrence of a streaky texture which limits the contrast and brightness of this cell (see fig. 8 of the abovementioned citation). While it is possible to correct the disadvantageous streaky texture by treatment with a high electric voltage (20-50 V) in the nematic or cholesteric phase (see page 168 of the abovementioned citation), such a field treatment is unsuitable for mass production of screens and usually does not result in temperature-stable textures either. Furthermore, this method produces switching only in an angle range of up to a maximum of once the tint angle, which is about  $22^\circ$  in the case of the material used by Nito et al. (cf. p. 165, fig. 6) and thus produces a maximum transmission of only 50% of the transmission of two parallel polarizers.

The object of the present invention is to provide a preferably chiral smectic active-matrix liquid-crystal display, containing a preferably chiral smectic liquid-crystal mixture, where the liquid-crystal mixture makes it possible to achieve a very high maximum transmission and a very high contrast and a constant threshold voltage over a broad temperature range.

In particular, a ferroelectric active-matrix liquid-crystal display containing a ferroelectric liquid-crystal mixture is to be provided where the liquid-crystal mixture assumes a monostable position, but without forming any streaky texture, is temperature-stable and makes it possible to achieve a very high maximum transmission and a very high contrast and a constant threshold voltage over a broad temperature range.

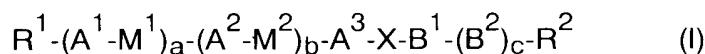
This object is achieved according to the invention by a chiral smectic active-matrix display containing a liquid-crystal layer having a tilt angle which is virtually constant over a broad temperature range and a virtually

constant layer leaning angle, where the liquid-crystal layer comprises at least one compound of the formula (I) below.

Expressly included is the advantageous use of the novel materials and mixtures for active-matrix displays, antiferroelectric displays and twisted smectic displays.

In particular, the object is achieved by a chiral smectic active-matrix display containing a liquid-crystal layer in the form of a monostable monodomain having a tilt angle which is virtually constant over a broad temperature range, and a virtually constant layer leaning angle, where the liquid-crystal layer comprises at least one compound of the formula (I) below.

The active-matrix display contains a chiral smectic liquid-crystal mixture comprising at least one compound of the general formula (I)



where the symbols are as defined below:

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each

a) hydrogen, fluorine or CN

a straight-chain or branched alkenyl, alkenyloxy, alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 to 16 carbon atoms, where

b1) one or two nonterminal  $-CH_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-O-$ ,  $-OC(=O)-$ ,  $-(C=O)-$ ,  $-C(=O)O-$ ,  $-Si(CH_3)_2-$ ,  $-CH(Cl)-$  and/or one or two  $-CH_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-CH=CH-$  or  $-C\equiv C-$

and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F and/or

b2) one or more  $-CH_2-$  groups may be replaced by phenylene-1,4-diyl (unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F), phenylene-1,3-diyl (unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F), cyclohexane-1,4-diyl (unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F or CN) or cyclopropane-1,2-diyl

and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F

with the provisos that only one of the radicals  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  can be hydrogen, F or CN and that two adjacent  $-CH_2-$  groups cannot be replaced by  $-O-$

$M^1, M^2$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each  $-C(=O)O-$ ,  $-OC(=O)-$ ,  $-CH_2O-$ ,  $-OCH_2-$ ,  $-CF_2O-$ ,  $-OCF_2-$ ,  $-CH_2CH_2-$ ,  $-CF_2CF_2-$ ,  $-CH=CH-$ ,  $-CH=CF-$ ,  $-CF=CF-$ ,  $-C\equiv C-$ ,  $-CH_2CH_2C(=O)O-$ ,  $-OC(=O)CH_2CH_2-$ ,  $-(CH_2)_4-$ ,  $-OCH_2CH_2CH_2-$ ,  $-CH_2CH_2CH_2O-$ ,  $-OCH_2CF_2CH_2-$ ,  $-CH_2CF_2CH_2O-$  or a single bond

$A^1, A^2, A^3$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each cyclohexane-1,4-diyl (unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F,  $CH_3$ , CN), cyclohex-1-ene-1,4-diyl, cyclohex-2-ene-1,4-diyl, 2-oxocyclohexane-1,4-diyl, 2-cyclohexen-1-one-3,6-diyl, 1-alkyl-1-silacyclohexane-1,4-diyl, bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1,4-diyl, spiro[4.5]decane-2,8-diyl, spiro[5.5]undecane-3,9-diyl, phenylene-1,4-diyl (unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by CN,  $CH_3$ ,  $CF_3$ ,  $OCH_3$ , unsubstituted, monosubstituted, disubstituted, trisubstituted or tetrasubstituted by F), phenylene-1,3-diyl (unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by CN,  $CH_3$ ,  $CF_3$ ,  $OCF_3$ , unsubstituted, monosubstituted, disubstituted, trisubstituted or tetrasubstituted by F), thiophene-2,5-diyl, thiophene-2,4-diyl, (1,3,4)-oxadiazole-2,5-diyl, (1,3,4)-thiadiazole-2,5-diyl, 1,3-thiazole-2,5-diyl, 1,3-thiazole-2,4-diyl, (1,3)-oxazole-2,5-diyl, isoxazole-2,5-diyl, indane-2,6-diyl, naphthalene-2,6-diyl (unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F or CN), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2,6-diyl, decaline-2,6-diyl, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl (unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F), pyridine-2,5-diyl (unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F), pyrazine-2,5-diyl (unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F), pyridazine-3,6-diyl, quinoline-2,6-diyl, quinoline-3,7-diyl, isoquinoline-3,7-diyl, quinazoline-2,6-diyl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinazoline-2,6-diyl, quinoxaline-2,6-diyl, 1,3-dioxane-2,5-diyl (unsubstituted or monosubstituted by CN), benzothiazole-2,6-diyl, piperidine-2,4-diyl, piperazine-1,4-diyl

$B^1$  is cyclohexane-1,4-diyl (unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F,  $CH_3$ , CN), perfluorocyclohexane-1,4-diyl, cyclohex-1-ene-1,4-diyl, cyclohex-2-ene-1,4-diyl, 1-alkyl-1-silacyclohexane-1,4-diyl, bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1,4-diyl, cyclopentane-1,3-diyl, cycloheptane-1,4-diyl, tetrahydrofuran-2,5-diyl, tetrahydrofuran-2,4-diyl, phenylene-1,4-diyl (unsubstituted, monosubstituted or

disubstituted by CN, CH<sub>3</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>3</sub>, unsubstituted, mono-substituted, disubstituted, trisubstituted or tetrasubstituted by F), phenylene-1,3-diyl (unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by CN, CH<sub>3</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>3</sub>, unsubstituted, monosubstituted, 5 disubstituted or trisubstituted by F), thiophene-2,5-diyl (unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F), thiophene-2,4-diyl (unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F), 1,3-thiazol-2,5-diyl (unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F), 1,3-thiazol-2,4-diyl (unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F), (1,3,4)-thiadiazol-2,5-diyl, 1,3-dioxane-2,5-diyl 10 (unsubstituted or monosubstituted by CN), tetrahydropyran-2,5-diyl, 6,6-difluorotetra-hydropyran-2,5-diyl, 6,6-difluoro-2,3-dihydro-6H-pyran-2,5-diyl, 6-fluoro-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-2,5-diyl, piperidine-1,4-diyl, piperazine-1,4-diyl, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl (unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F), pyridine-2,5-diyl (unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2,6-diyl, decaline- 15 2,6-diyl

B<sup>2</sup> is cyclohexane-1,4-diyl (unsubstituted, monosubstituted or 20 disubstituted by F, CH<sub>3</sub>, CN), cyclohex-1-ene-1,4-diyl (unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F), cyclohex-2-ene-1,4-diyl, 1-alkyl-1-silacyclohexane-1,4-diyl, bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1,4-diyl, phenylene-1,4-diyl (unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by CN, CH<sub>3</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>3</sub>, unsubstituted, monosubstituted, disubstituted, 25 trisubstituted or tetrasubstituted by F), phenylene-1,3-diyl (unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by CN, CH<sub>3</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>3</sub>, unsubstituted, monosubstituted, disubstituted or trisubstituted by F), thiophene-2,5-diyl, thiophene-2,4-diyl, 1,3-thiazole-2,5-diyl, 1,3-thiazole-2,4-diyl, (1,3,4)-thiadiazole-2,5-diyl, 1,3-dioxane-2,5-diyl (unsubstituted or monosubstituted by CN), tetrahydrofuran-2,5-diyl, 30 tetrahydropyran-2,5-diyl, 6,6-difluorotetrahydropyran-2,5-diyl, 6,6-difluoro-2,3-dihydro-6H-pyran-2,5-diyl, 6-fluoro-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-2,5-diyl, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl (unsubstituted or monosubstituted F), pyridine-2,5-diyl (unsubstituted or monosubstituted F), indane-2,6-diyl, piperidine-1,4-diyl, piperazine-1,4-diyl, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl 35 (unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F)

X is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-, where

- a) one or two -CH<sub>2</sub>- groups may be replaced by -O- or -C(=O)- and/or

b) one  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$  group may be replaced by  $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$  and one or more H of the  $-\text{CH}_2-$  groups may be replaced by F with the provisos that

- 1) n is 2, 3 or 4
- 5 2) two adjacent  $-\text{CH}_2-$  groups cannot be replaced by  $-\text{O}-$

a, b, c are each zero, 1 or 2, with the provisos that

- 1) a must be 1 when  $\text{R}^1$  is hydrogen, F or CN
- 2) the sum of  $a+b+c$  is at least 1
- 10 3) the radicals A and M, respectively, in the brackets may be identical or different when the corresponding index is 2.

Here and hereinbelow, it will be understood that bivalent radicals were designated in the "free state". This designation is essential for the  
 15 characterization of the compounds, although strictly in accordance with IUPAC rules, other designations of the bivalent radicals forming part of the entire Markush formula - meaning incorporation both as image and as mirror image - would be possible.

20 According to one embodiment,  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  are no alkenyl or alkenyloxy radicals.

The active-matrix display is preferably a monostable ferroelectric active-matrix display containing a liquid-crystal layer in the form of a monodomain  
 25 having an unambiguously defined direction of the layer normal z of the SmC phase, where the layer normal z and the preferential direction n in the nematic or cholesteric phase ( $\text{N}^*$  phase) form an angle of more than  $5^\circ$  and the liquid-crystal layer is composed of a ferroelectric (chiral smectic) liquid-crystal mixture comprising at least one compound of the formula (I).

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The spontaneous polarization of the liquid-crystal mixture is preferably  $< 200 \text{ nC/cm}^2$ , particularly preferably  $< 25 \text{ nC/cm}^2$ , especially  $< 15 \text{ nC/cm}^2$ , the value DT (15,1), which is defined below, being  $> 20$ .

35 The processes for producing the materials which are suitable for the mixtures of the invention are known in principle, as is the production of liquid-crystal mixtures from the individual components.

For example, the following materials have been described:

- thiadiazole derivatives: EP-A-0 309 514; EP-A-0 335 348; US 5,076,961; US 5,200,109
- thiazole derivatives: EP-A-0 309 514; EP-A-0 439 170
- pyrimidine derivatives: EP-A-0 220 296; 220 297; 227 717; 224 579;
- 5 293 910; US 4,891,151; EP-B 0 308 794; US 5,200,521; US 5,370,823; DE-A 43 00 435
- 4-fluoropyrimidine derivatives: US 5,344,585; EP-A-0 158 137
- pyridine derivatives: WO 86/06401; EP-A-0 206 228; EP-A-0 239 403; US 4,795,587; JP-A 07309858; JP-A 62207257; JP-A 05331143;
- 10 JP-A 05213875; JP-A 04356464; JP-A 01031765; JP-A 08062560; DE-A 40 26 233
- fluorinated pyridine derivatives: JP-B 2079059; US 5,389,291; US 5,630,962; ~~US 5,445,763~~; DE-A 44 27 199; US 5,445,763
- 2-fluoropyrazine derivatives: US 5,562,859
- 15 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinazoline derivatives: US 4,402,849; JP-A 08062559; JP-A 08059629; JP-A 07207267
- quinoline derivatives: DE-A 195 38 404
- dioxane derivatives: Flüssige Kristalle in Tabellen II (liquid crystals in tables II), pp. 349-352; DD 249 277; DD 249 278; DD 249 279
- 20 isoxazole derivatives: Mol. Cryst. Liq. Cryst. 1993, 225, 175-182
- pyrane derivatives: JP-A 10168076; JP-A 10176168
- naphthalene derivatives: Flüssige Kristalle in Tabellen II (liquid crystals in tables II) pp. 313-322; DE-A 195 17 056; DE-A 195 17 038; DE-A 195 70 60; DE-A 195 22 167; DE-A 196 52 247; WO 92/16500;
- 25 EP-A-0 302 875
- indane derivatives: EP-A-0 546 338
- fluorophenyl derivatives: EP-A-0 210 215; GB-A 2,198,743
- difluorophenyl derivatives: EP-A-0 210 215; EP-A-0 332 024, 332 025
- trifluorophenyl derivatives: EP-A-0 602 596
- 30 tetrafluorophenyl derivatives: EP-A-0 110 002; EP-A-0 113 293; EP-A-0 422 996; JP 58188840; JP 59010553; JP 02180869; Mol. Cryst. Liq. Cryst. 127, 413 (1985)
- biphenyl and terphenyl derivatives: Flüssige Kristalle in Tabellen II (liquid crystals in tables II) pp. 269-304; EP-A-0 213 841; EP-A-0 263 843;
- 35 GB-B 2,198,743; GB-B 2,200,912; EP-B-0 395 666; EP-B-0 332 006; EP-A-0 360 042
- bicyclo[2.2.2]octane derivatives: Flüssige Kristalle in Tabellen II (liquid crystals in tables II) pp. 85-95

- cyclohexane derivatives: Flüssige Kristalle in Tabellen II (liquid crystals in tables II) pp. 32-72; Landolt-Börnstein Vol. IV/7a, pp. 160-176;  
DE-A 23 44 732; 24 50 088; 24 29 093; 26 36 684; 27 01 591; 27 52 975;  
DE-A-32 31 707; EP-A 0 233 267; EP-A 0 238 576
- 5 cyclohexene derivatives: Flüssige Kristalle in Tabellen II (liquid crystals in tables II) pp. 79 - 82; US 5,271,864; DE-A 39 30 119  
1-alkylsilacyclohexane derivatives: EP-A-0 761 674; 742 222; 732 335;  
727 428  
meta-substituted mesogens: US 5,447,656
- 10 thiophene derivatives: Flüssige Kristalle in Tabellen II (liquid crystals in tables II) pp. 353-356; EP-A-0 458 347; EP-A-0 364 923; EP-A-0 392 510;  
EP-A-0 459 406  
benzothiazole derivatives: JP-A 09059266  
phenanthrene derivatives: US 5,648,021; EP-B 0 743 971; DE-A 195 24 230;  
15 DE-A 197 48 819; DE-A 196 53 010; DE-A 196 53 009; DE-A 196 53 008  
fluorene derivatives: Landolt-Börnstein Vol. IV / 7a, pp. 36-41;  
DE-A 197 20 289  
ethyne derivatives: US 5,626,792; 5,178,791; 5,457,235; JP 10195025;  
WO 98 23637; JP 10130188; JP 10120600; EP-A-0 799 878
- 20 ethane derivatives: WO 98 23583; WO 98 23563; JP 10147544;  
JP 09235550; JP 0914660; JP 09087210; JP 06056703; DE-A 42 38 377;  
JP 06025030; DE-A 32 01 721  
and compounds containing the structural elements  
silylalkyl: EP-B-0 366 561
- 25 cyclopropylalkyl: EP-B-0 318 423 / 398 155  
perfluoroalkyl: Ferroelectrics 1988, 85, 375-384 or US 4,886,619,  
5,082,587, 5,254,747, 5,262,082, 5,437,812 or 5,482,650  
perfluorocyclohexyl: DE-A 197 48 818  
 $\alpha$ -fluorocarbonyloxy: Liquid Crystals 1997, vol. 23, no. 5, pp. 659-666
- 30 2,3-difluoroalkyloxy: US 5,051,506  
2-fluoroalkyloxy: US 4,798,680  
 $\alpha$ -chlorocarbonyloxy: US 4,855,429  
methyl-branched alkyl chains: EP-B-0 201 578, 211 030; DE-A 196 27 899  
containing only one pendant group: EP-A-0 541 081; EP-A-0 606 090
- 35 propionyloxy: DD 284 894; EP-A-0 552 658; GB-B 2,235,192  
tetrahydrofuranoyloxy: EP-A-0 355 561  
cyanoalkyl: EP-A-0 310 620; EP-A-0 333 760; WO 89/05792  
containing an oxirane group: EP-B-0 263 437; EP-B-0 292 954;  
EP-B-0 365 820; DE-A 4133710; JP-B 2089393; JP-B 3-512741

containing a 1,3-dioxolane group: EP-B-0 288 813; EP-B-0 361 272;  
EP-B-0 462 156; EP-B-0 351 746

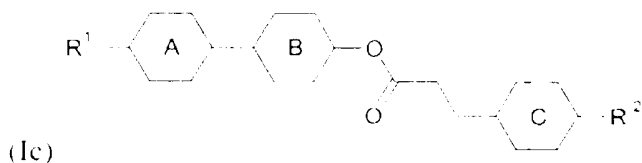
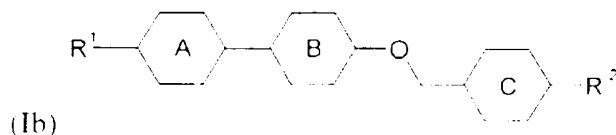
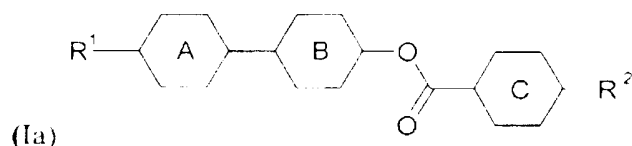
It has been found in accordance with the invention that active-matrix displays in which the ferroelectric smectic phase is stable over a broad temperature range are obtainable by using the compounds of the formula (I). Furthermore, the acute angle is very stable over a broad temperature range, i.e. it is only subject to very small changes. The same applies to the layer leaning angle.

10 In formula (I), X is preferably -OC(=O)-, -OCH<sub>2</sub>- or -OC(=O)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, particularly preferably -OC(=O).

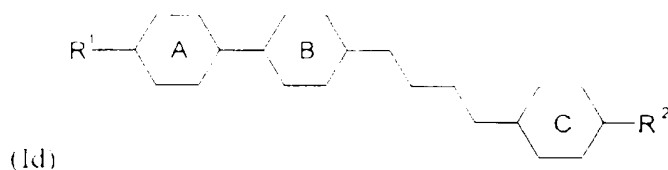
B<sup>1</sup> is preferably cyclohexane-1,4-diyl, cyclohex-1-ene-1,4-diyl, phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, or thiophene-2,5-diyl, particularly preferably cyclohexane-1,4-diyl or thiophene-2,5-diyl.

A<sup>1</sup> is preferably pyrimidine-2,5-diyl (unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F), pyridine-2,5-diyl (unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F), phenylene-1,4-diyl (unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F) or (1,3,4)-thiadiazole-2,5-diyl.

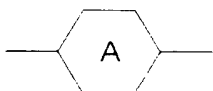
Preferred compounds of the formula (I) correspond to the formulae



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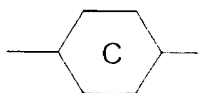
where  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  are as defined above and



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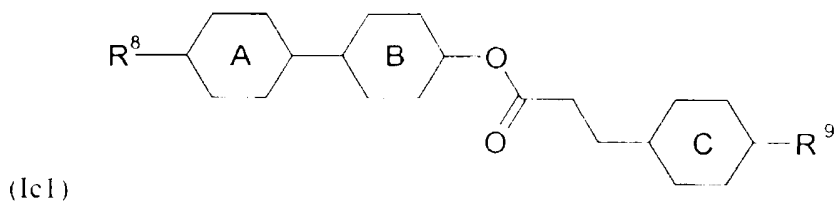
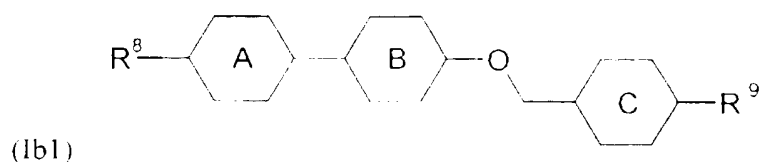
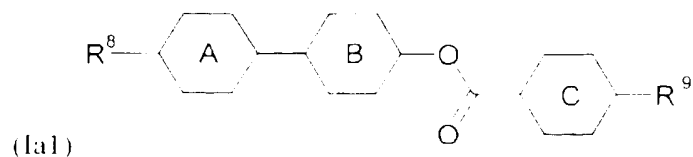


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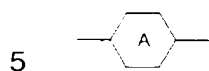


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Particularly preferred compounds of the formula (I) correspond to the formulae



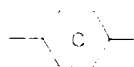
where:



is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, (1,3,4)-thiadiazol-2,5-diyl, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or substituted by F, pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or substituted by F ortho to the nitrogen atom, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinazoline-2,6-diyl



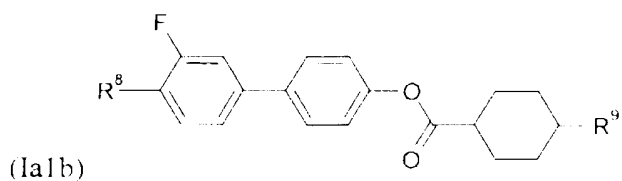
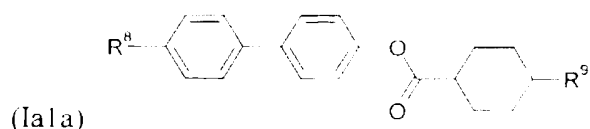
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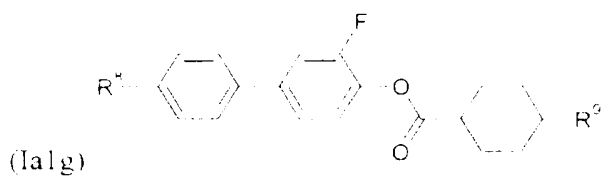
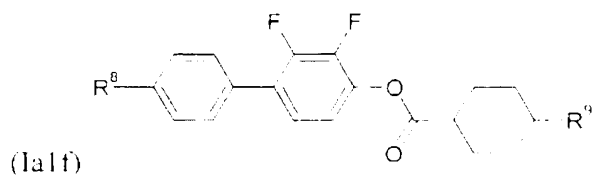
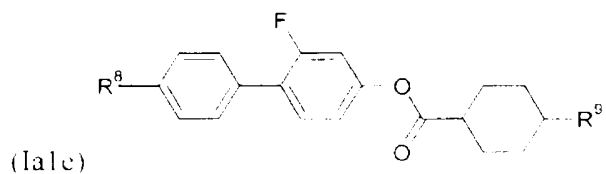
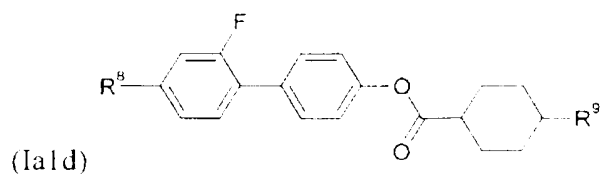
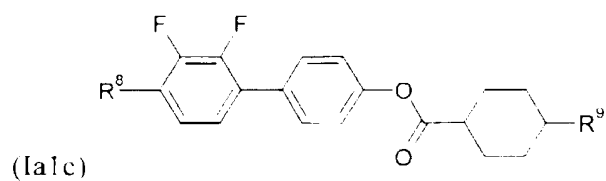
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and  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$  are each, independently of one another, hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkoxy radical having 1 to 16 carbon atoms, where one or two nonterminal  $-CH_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-O-$  or  $-C(=O)-$  or  $-CH=CH-$  with the provisos that  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  cannot both be  
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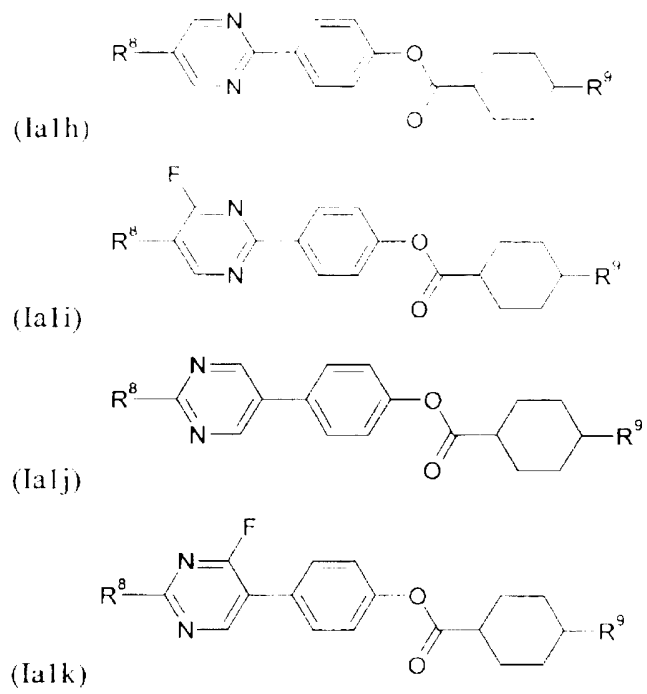
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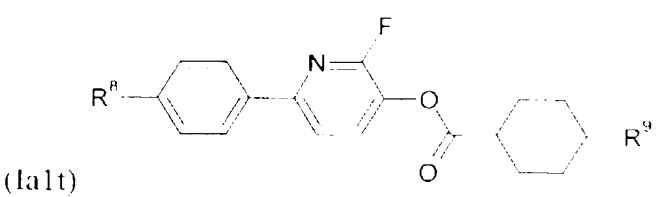
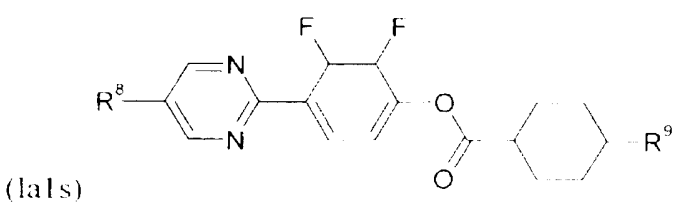
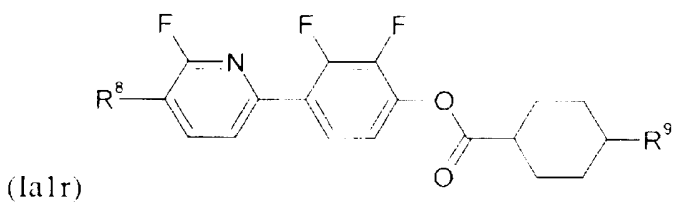
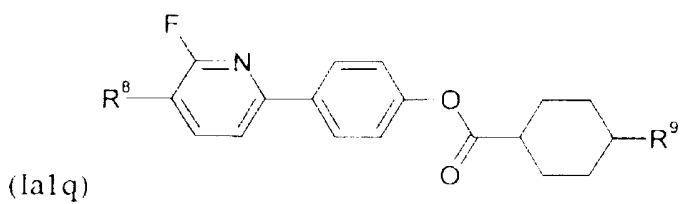
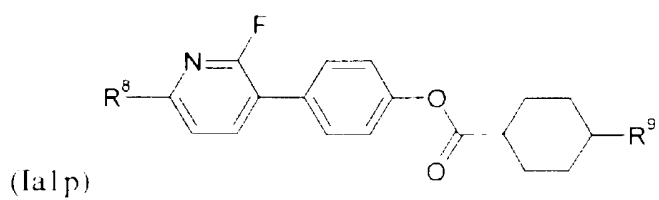
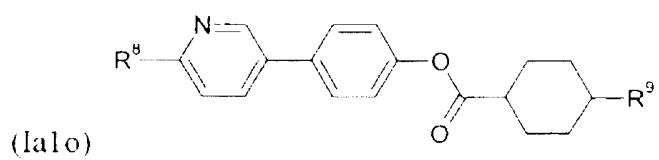
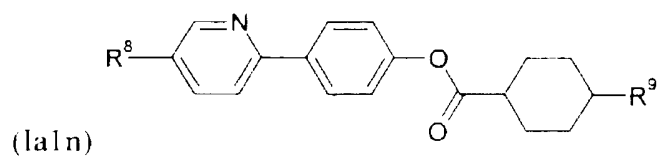
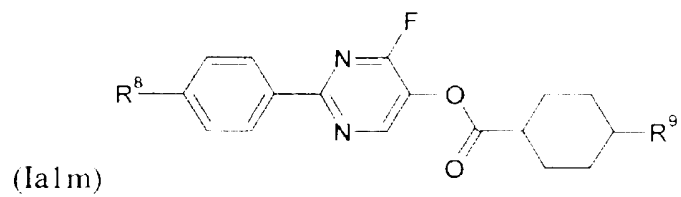
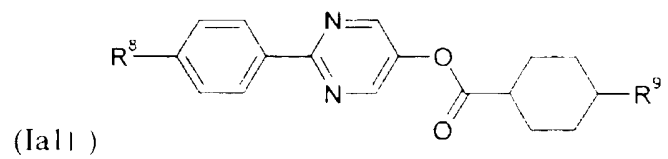


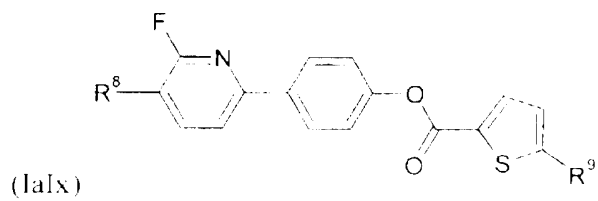
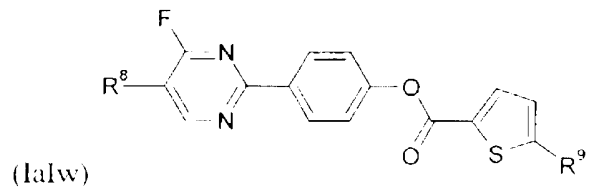
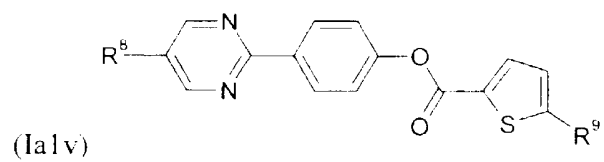
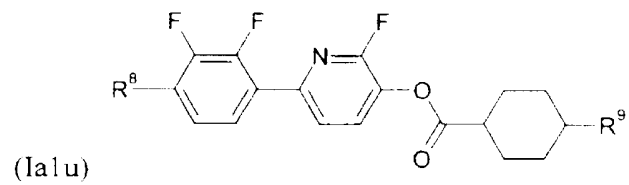
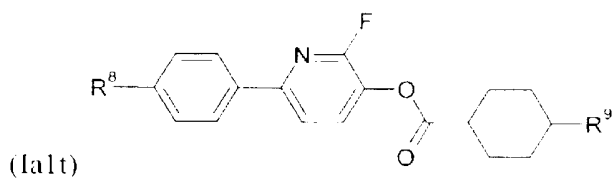
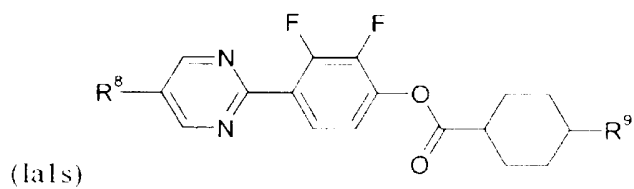
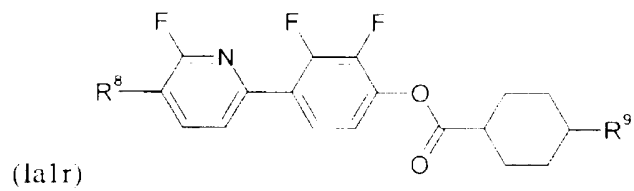
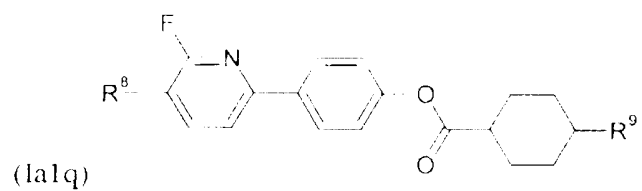
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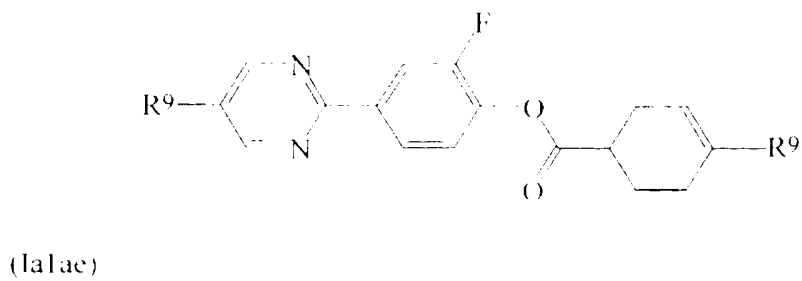
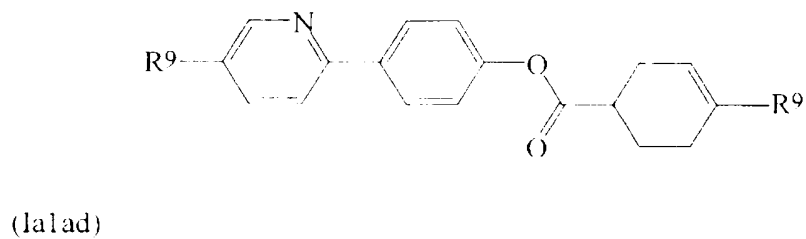
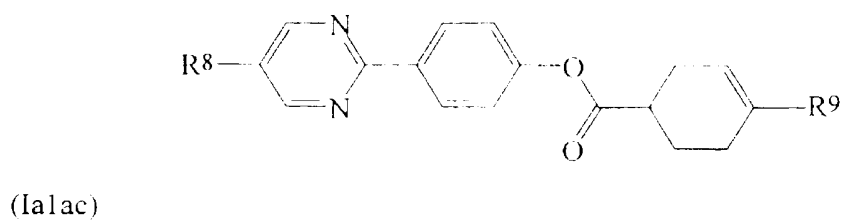
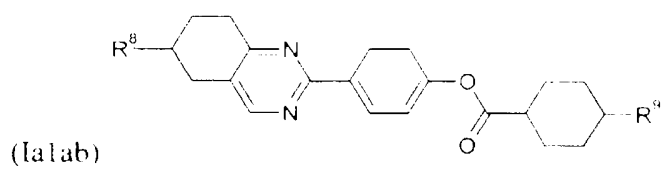
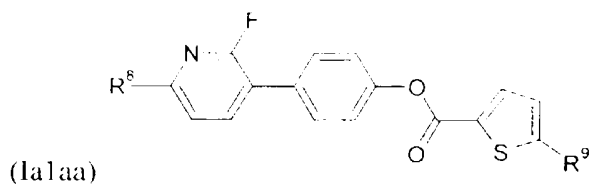
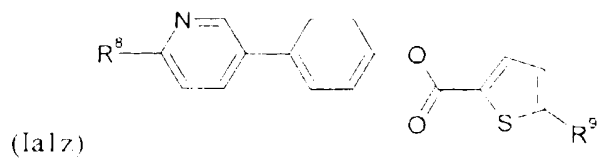
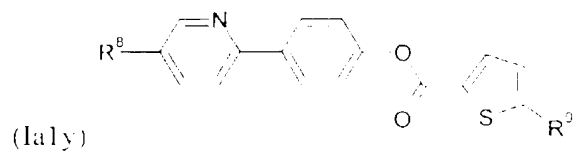


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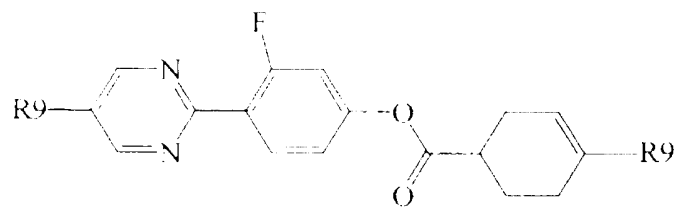




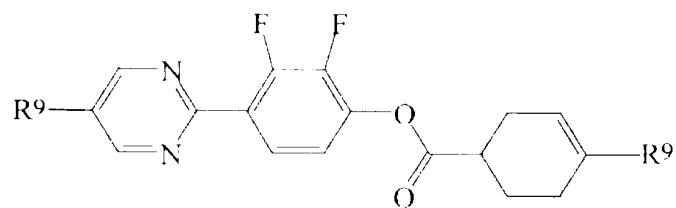




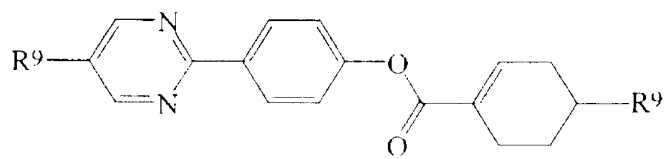
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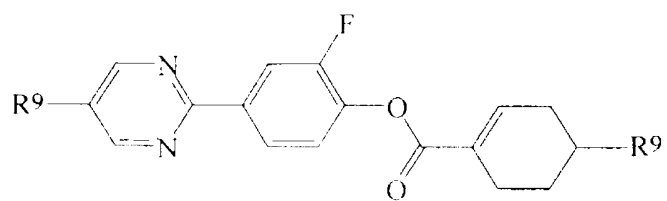
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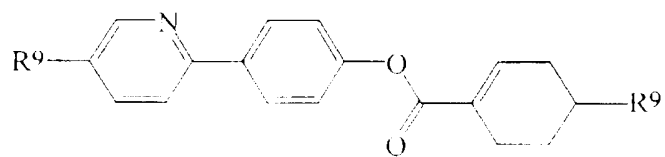
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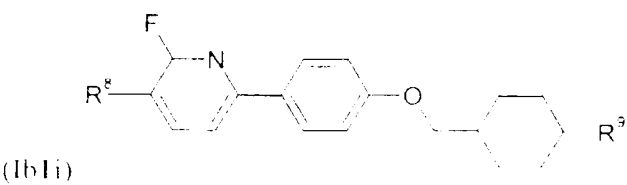
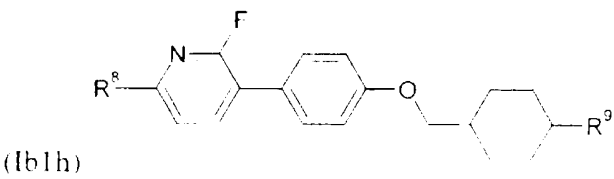
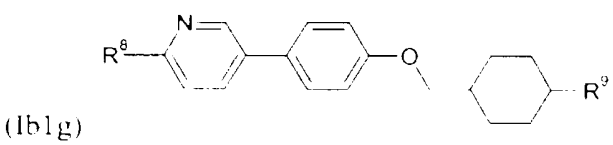
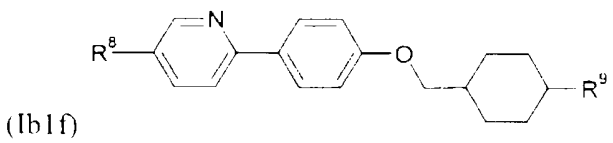
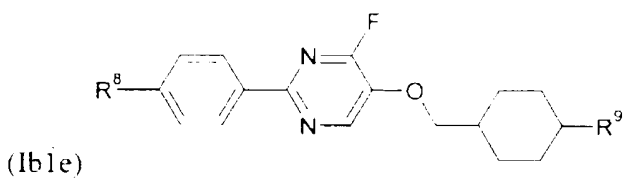
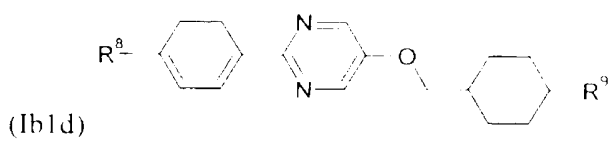
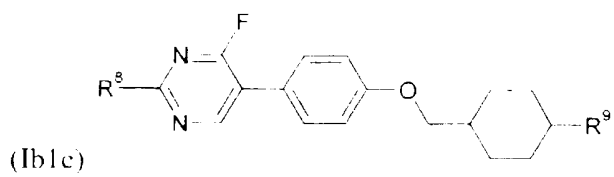
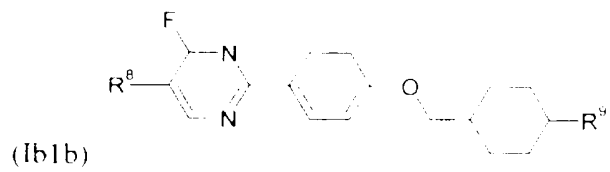
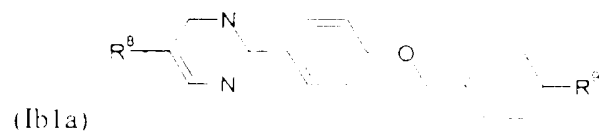
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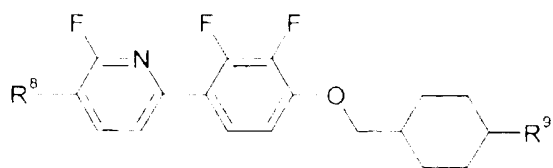


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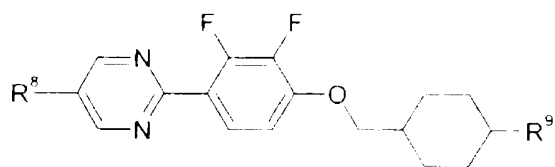


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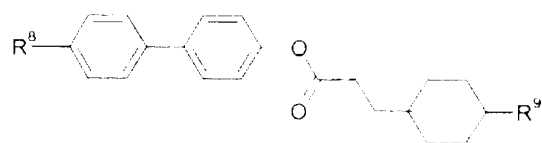




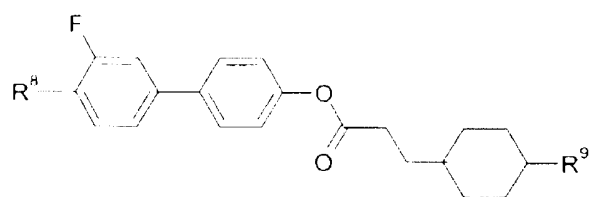
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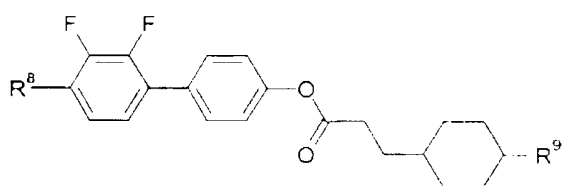
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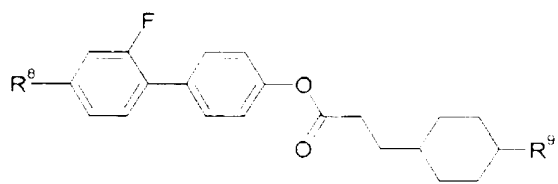
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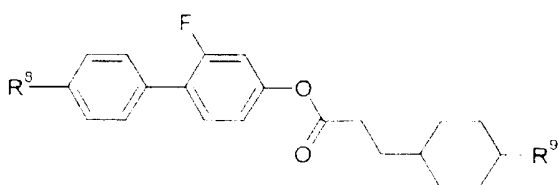
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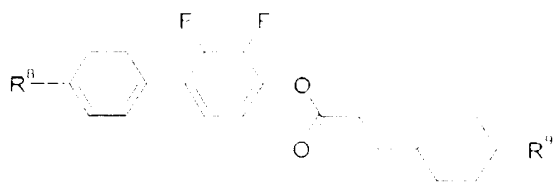
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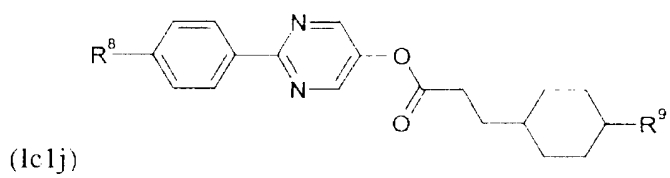
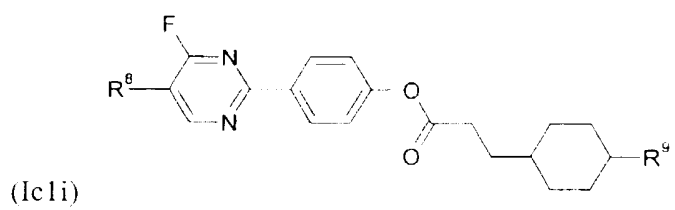
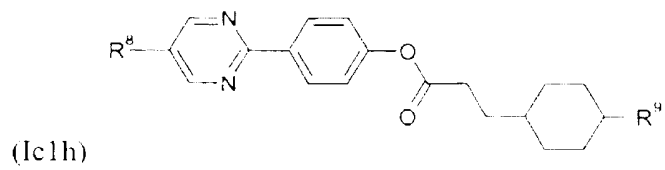
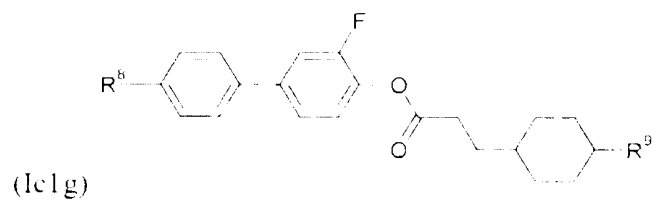
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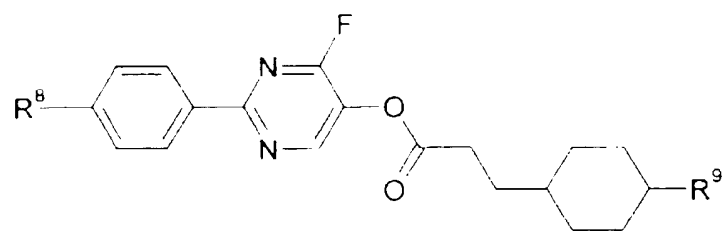


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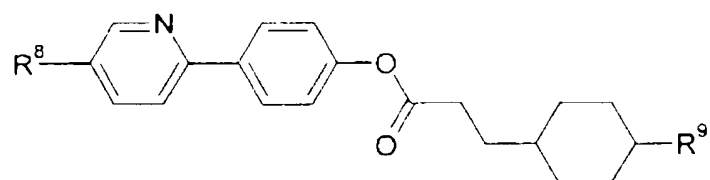


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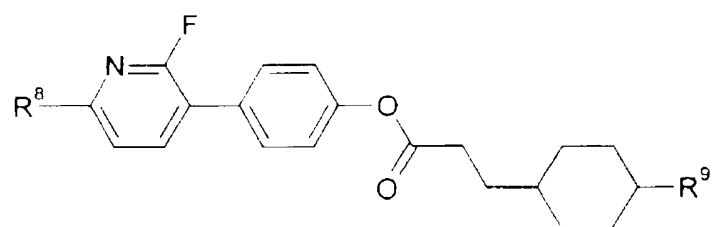




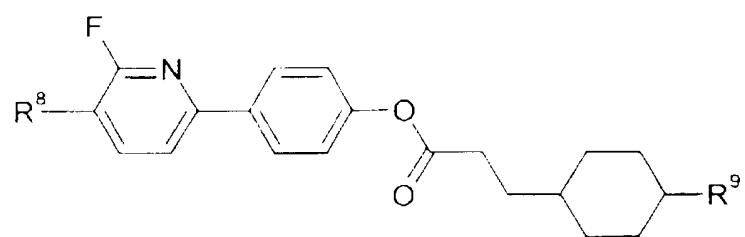
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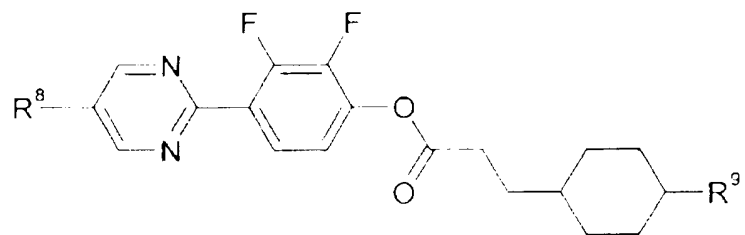
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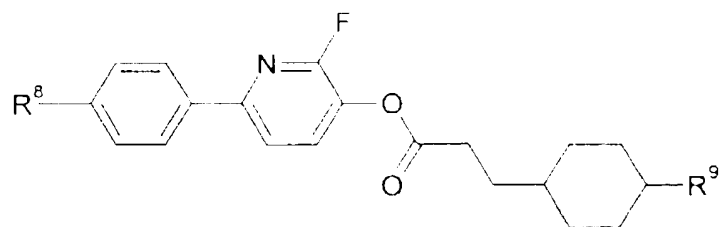
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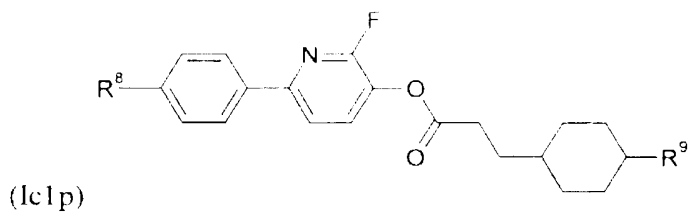
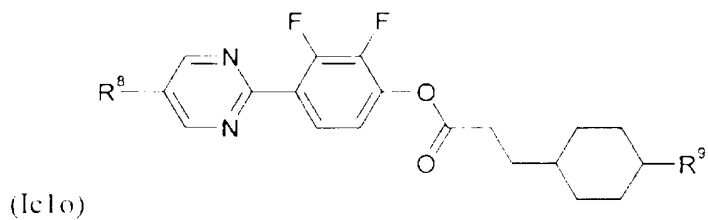
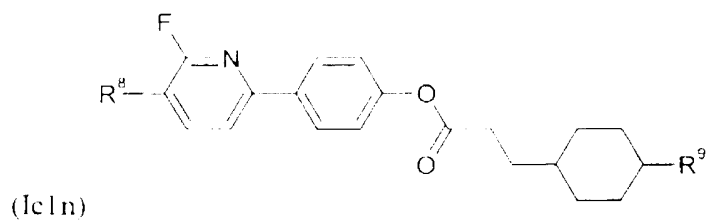
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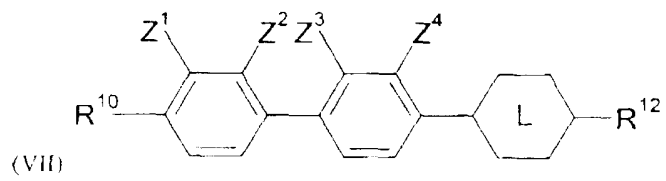
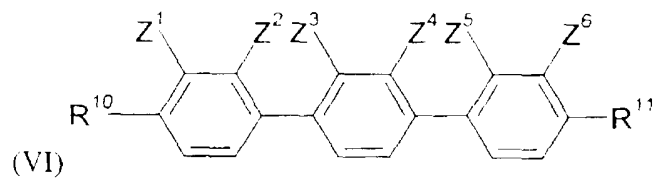
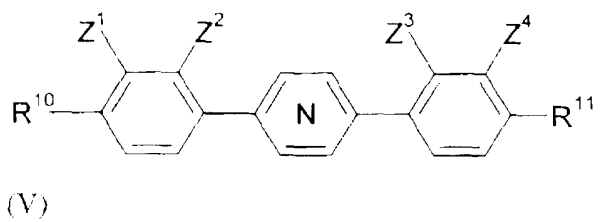
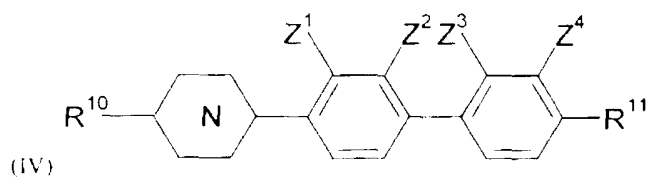
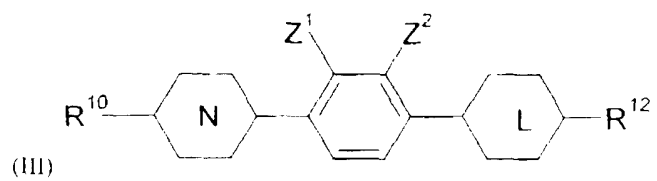
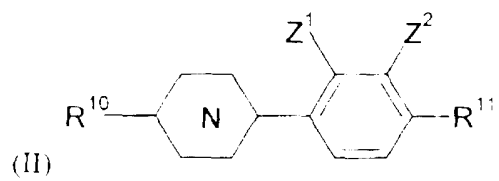


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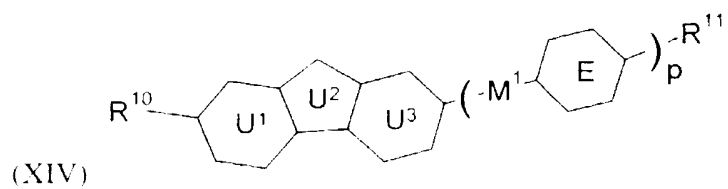
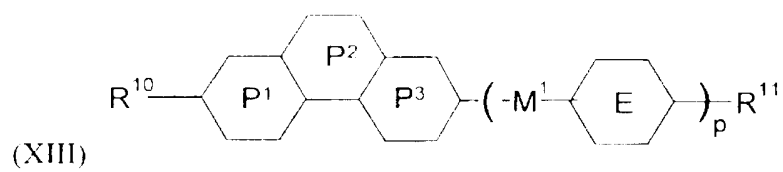
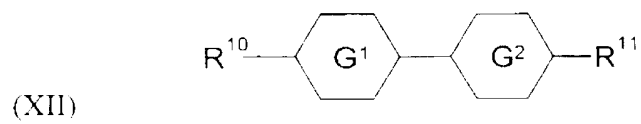
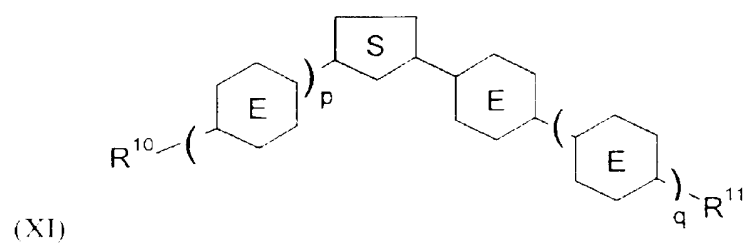
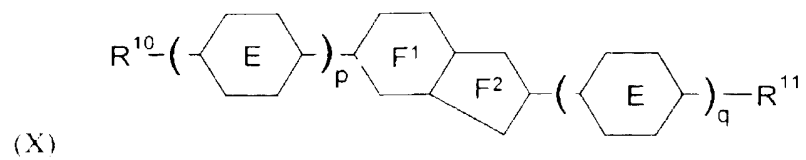
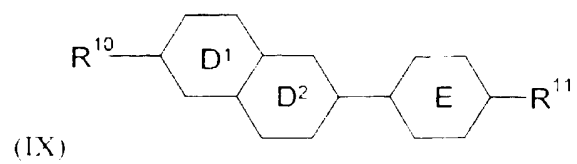
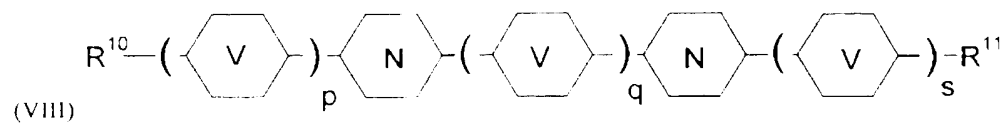
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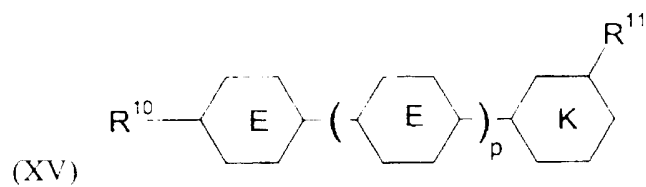
The liquid-crystal mixture of the display according to the invention preferably comprises, in addition to one or more compounds of the formula (I), 2 to 30 additional compounds selected as one or more representatives from the substance classes of the groups (II) to (XVII)

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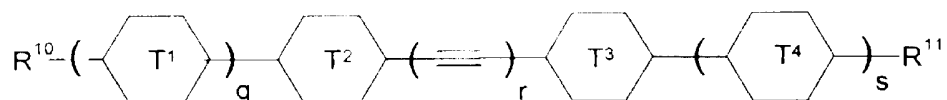


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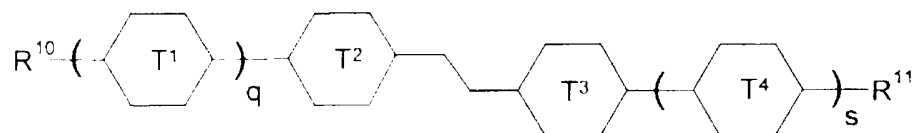




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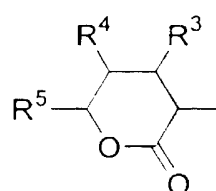
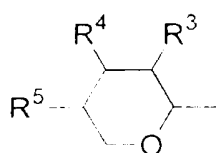
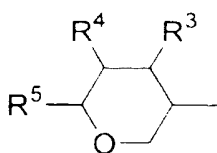
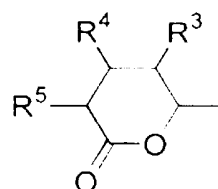
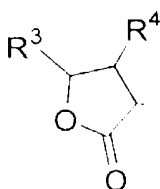
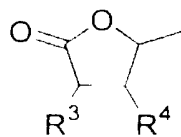
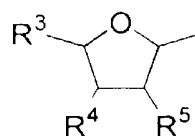
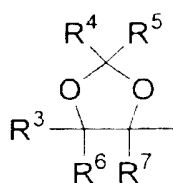
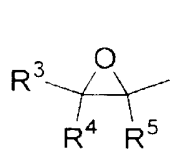


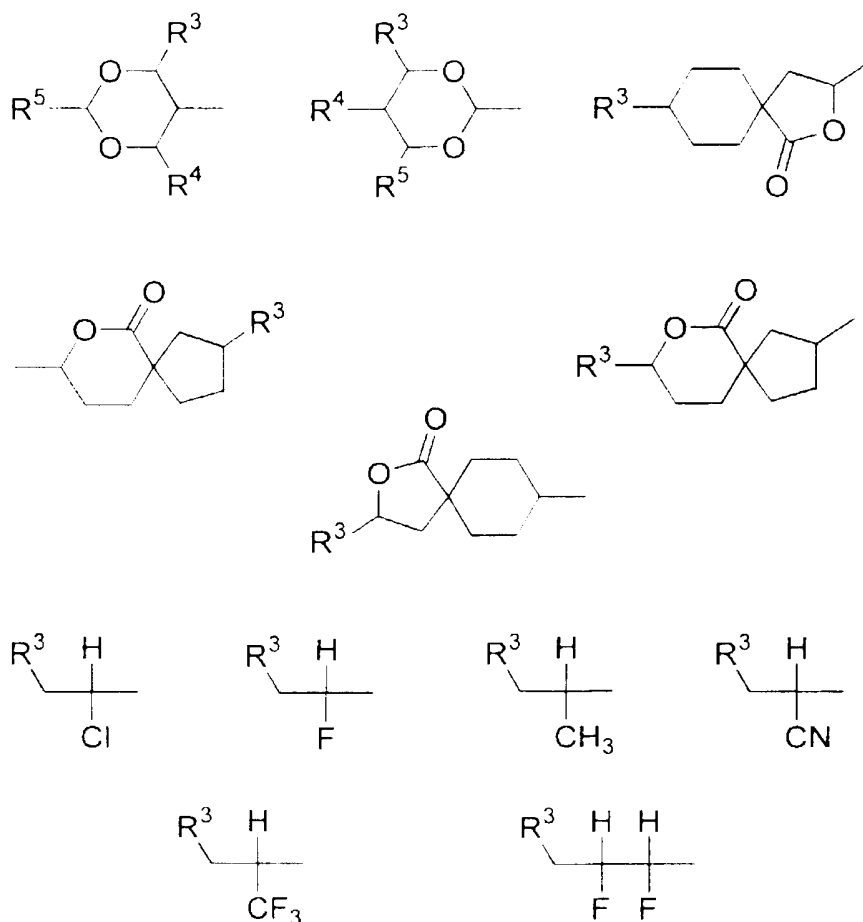
(XVII)



where:

- 5  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  are as defined for  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ , where additionally the terminal  $-CH_3$ -group may in each case be replaced by one of the chiral groups (optically active or racemic) below:



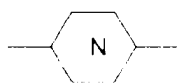


R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup> are identical or different and are each

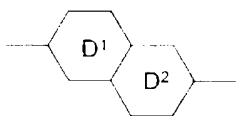
- 5 a) hydrogen
- b) a straight-chain or branched alkyl radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 1 to 16 carbon atoms, where
- 10 b1) one or more nonadjacent and nonterminal CH<sub>2</sub> groups may be replaced by -O- and/or
- b2) one or two CH<sub>2</sub> groups may be replaced by -CH=CH-,
- c) R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> together may alternatively be -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>- or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>- if they are attached to an oxirane, dioxolane, tetrahydrofuran, tetrahydropyran, butyrolactone or valerolactone system;

15 R<sup>12</sup> is hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 1 to 16 carbon atoms, where one or more H may be replaced by F and one or two nonadjacent nonterminal -CH<sub>2</sub>- groups may be replaced by -O-

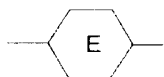
Z<sup>1</sup>, Z<sup>2</sup>, Z<sup>3</sup>, Z<sup>4</sup>, Z<sup>5</sup>, Z<sup>6</sup> are each, independently of one another, H or F



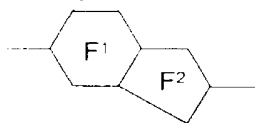
is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrazine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F,



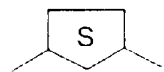
is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of naphthalene-2,6-diyl, in which one or two ring carbon atoms may be replaced by N and which can be monosubstituted or disubstituted by F or CN and in which D<sup>1</sup> or D<sup>2</sup> may also be a (saturated) alicycle



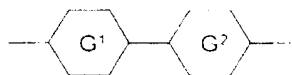
is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by CN, or unsubstituted, monosubstituted, disubstituted, trisubstituted or tetrasubstituted by F, pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, cyclohexane-1,4-diyl



is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of indane-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F in the aromatic ring, indan-1-one-2,6-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F in the aromatic ring, benzothiazole-2,6-diyl, benzothiazole-2,5-diyl, benzo[b]thiophene-2,5-diyl, benzo[b]thiophene-2,6-diyl

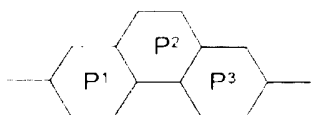


is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of (1,3,4)-thiadiazole-2,5-diyl, (1,3)-thiazole-2,5-diyl, thiophene-2,5-diyl, (1,3,4)-oxadiazole-2,5-diyl, (1,3)-oxazole-2,5-diyl, isoxazole-2,5-diyl

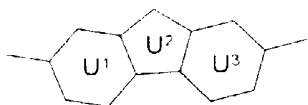


is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of 1,1'-biphenyl-4,4'-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by CN, or unsubstituted, monosubstituted, disubstituted,

- trisubstituted or tetrasubstituted by F, 1,1'-phenylcyclohexyl-4,4'-diyl, 5,5'-pyridylpyrimidine-2,2'-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F in one or both of the heterocycles, 5,2'-pyridylpyrimidine-2,5'-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F in one or both of the heterocycles,
- 5 1,2'-phenyldioxane-4,5'-diyl, 1,2'-(2-fluorophenyl)dioxane-4,5'-diyl, 1,2'-(3-fluorophenyl)dioxane-4,5'-diyl, 1,2'-(2,3-difluorophenyl)dioxane-4,5'-diyl



- is a bivalent phenanthrene-2,7-diyl radical in which one or two ring carbon atoms may be replaced by N and which may be monosubstituted, disubstituted, trisubstituted or tetrasubstituted by F and in
- 10 which P<sup>2</sup> and/or P<sup>3</sup> may be a (saturated) alicycle



- is a bivalent fluorene-2,7-diyl radical in which the -CH<sub>2</sub>- group in U<sup>2</sup> may be replaced by -C(=O)-, -CHF- or -CF<sub>2</sub>-
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- is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,3-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, cyclohexane-1,3-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F or CN, pyridine-2,6-diyl, pyridine-2,4-diyl, pyridine-3,5-diyl, pyridine-4,6-diyl, pyrimidine-4,6-diyl,
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- is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of cyclohexane-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by CN, CH<sub>3</sub>, or disubstituted by F, cyclohex-1-ene-1,4-diyl, perfluorocyclohexane-1,4-diyl, cyclohex-2-ene-1,4-diyl, 1-alkyl-1-silacyclohexane-1,4-diyl, bicyclo[2.2.2]-octane-1,4-diyl.
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- is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by CN or F, naphthalene-2,6-diyl, in which one or two ring carbon atoms may be replaced by N and which may be monosubstituted or disubstituted by CN or
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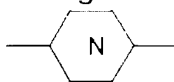
- F, cyclohexane-1,4-diyl, cyclohex-1-ene-1,4-diyl, bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1,4-diyl, (1,3)-dioxane-2,5-diyl, pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, (1,3,4)-thiadiazole-2,5-diyl, indane-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F in the aromatic ring, thiophene-2,5-diyl



- is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by CN or F, naphthalene-2,6-diyl, in which one or two ring carbon atoms may be replaced by N and which may be monosubstituted or disubstituted by CN or F, cyclohexane-1,4-diyl, cyclohex-1-ene-1,4-diyl, bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1,4-diyl, (1,3)-dioxane-2,5-diyl, indane-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F in the aromatic ring, thiophene-2,5-diyl

- p, q, s are each zero or 1  
r is 1 or 2.

The following meanings are preferred:



- in (II), is a bivalent radical selected from the group of pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F

$Z^1, Z^2$  are both H or both F

- $R^{10}, R^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where one or two nonterminal  $-CH_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-CH=CH-$ ,  $-OC(=O)-$ ,  $-C(=O)O-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F

- with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $R^{10}, R^{11}$  can be hydrogen



- in (III), is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F



is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of cyclohexane-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by CN, cyclohex-1-ene-1,4-diyl, cyclohex-2-ene-1,4-diyl,  $Z^1, Z^2$  are both H or both F,

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in (IV), is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F

$Z^1, Z^2$  are both H or both F,

10  $Z^3, Z^4$  are both H or both F

in (V), is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F

15  $Z^1, Z^2$  are both H or both F,

$Z^3, Z^4$  are both H or F, with the proviso that  $Z^1, Z^2$  and  $Z^3, Z^4$  are not simultaneously F

in (VI),

20  $Z^1, Z^2, Z^3, Z^4, Z^5, Z^6$  one element of this group is F or ( $Z^1$  and  $Z^2$ ) or ( $Z^3$  and  $Z^4$ ) are both F

in (VII),

$Z^1$  and  $Z^2$  are both H or both F;  $Z^3$  and  $Z^4$  are both H

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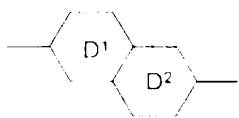


in (VIII), is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F

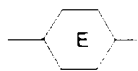


30 is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, naphthalene-2,6-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, cyclohexane-1,4-diyl

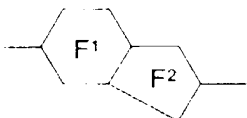
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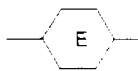
in (IX), is naphthalene-2,6-diyl which can be mono-substituted or disubstituted by F



- 5 is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F



- 10 in (X), is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of indane-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F in the aromatic ring, indan-1-one-2,6-diyl, and possibly benzothiazole-2,6-diyl

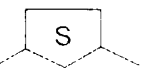


- 15 is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F

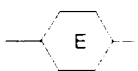
p is 1

q is zero

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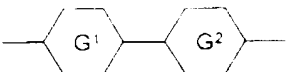
in (IX), is (1,3,4)-thiadiazole-2,5-diyl



- 25 is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, cyclohexane-1,4-diyl

p is zero or 1

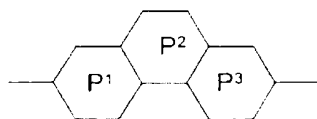
q is zero or 1, with the proviso that q is zero when p is 1



- 30 in (XII), is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of 1,1'-biphenyl-4,4'-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or

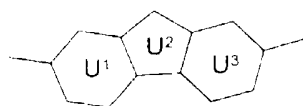
disubstituted by F, 1,1'-phenylcyclohexyl-4,4'-diyl, 5,5'-pyridylpyrimidine-2,2'-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F in one or both of the heterocycles, 5,2'-pyridylpyrimidine-2,5'-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F in one or both of the heterocycles

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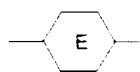


in (XIII), is a bivalent phenanthrene-2,7-diyl radical in which one or two ring carbon atoms may also be replaced by N and which may be monosubstituted or disubstituted by F and in which P<sup>2</sup> can be a (saturated) alicycle

10 p is zero

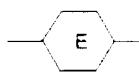


in (XIV), is a bivalent fluorene-2,7-diyl radical



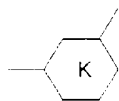
is a phenylene-2,4-diyl radical

15 p is zero or 1



in (XV), is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F

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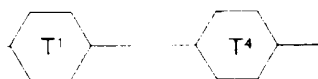
is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,3-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F  
p is zero or 1

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in (XVI), is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, naphthalene-2,6-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F

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is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, naphthalene-2,6-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, cyclohexane-1,4-diyl, pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F

r is 1

q, s are each zero or 1, their sum being 1



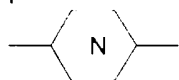
in (XVII), is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, naphthalene-2,6-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, cyclohexane-1,4-diyl, pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, (1,3,4)-thiadiazole-2,5-diyl, indane-2,5-diyl



is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, naphthalene-2,6-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, cyclohexane-1,4-diyl, cyclohex-1-ene-1,4-diyl, bicyclo-[2.2.2]octane-1,4-diyl, (1,3)-dioxane-2,5-diyl, pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted or monosubstituted by F, (1,3,4)-thiadiazol-2,5-diyl, indane-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F in the aromatic ring, thiophene-2,5-diyl

q, s are each zero or 1; their sum being 0 or 1.

Particular preference is given to the following meanings:



in (II), is pyridine-2,5-diyl, 2-fluoropyridine-3,6-diyl or pyrimidine-2,5-diyl

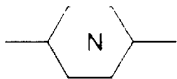
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$R^{10}, R^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where one or two nonterminal  $-CH_2-$  groups may be

replaced by  $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ ,  $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})-$ ,  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{O}-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F

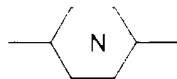
with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $\text{R}^{10}$ ,  $\text{R}^{11}$  can be hydrogen

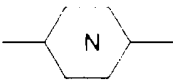
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in (III),  is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of pyridine-2,5-diyl, 2-fluoropyridine-3,6-diyl, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl,

 is cyclohexane-1,4-diyl,  
 10  $\text{Z}^1, \text{Z}^2$  are both H or both F,  
 $\text{R}^{10}, \text{R}^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where one or two nonterminal  $-\text{CH}_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ ,  $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})-$ ,  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{O}-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F  
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with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $\text{R}^{10}, \text{R}^{11}$  can be hydrogen.

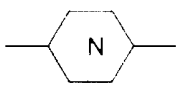
In (IV),  is pyridine-2,5-diyl, 2-fluoropyridine-3,6-diyl, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl,  
 20  $\text{Z}^1, \text{Z}^2, \text{Z}^3, \text{Z}^4$  are each H  
 $\text{R}^{10}, \text{R}^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where  
 25 one or two nonterminal  $-\text{CH}_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ ,  $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})-$ ,  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{O}-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F  
 with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $\text{R}^{10}, \text{R}^{11}$  can be hydrogen.

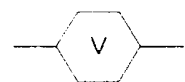
In (V),  is pyridine-2,5-diyl, 2-fluoropyridine-3,6-diyl, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl,  
 30  $\text{Z}^1, \text{Z}^2, \text{Z}^3, \text{Z}^4$  are each H  
 $\text{R}^{10}, \text{R}^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where

one or two nonterminal  $-\text{CH}_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ ,  $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})-$ ,  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{O}-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $\text{R}^{10}$ ,  $\text{R}^{11}$  can be hydrogen.

- 5 In (VI),  
 $\text{Z}^1, \text{Z}^2, \text{Z}^3, \text{Z}^4, \text{Z}^5, \text{Z}^6$  one element of this group is F or  
 $\text{Z}^1$  and  $\text{Z}^2 = \text{F}$ ,  $\text{Z}^3, \text{Z}^4, \text{Z}^5, \text{Z}^6 = \text{H}$   
 $\text{Z}^3$  and  $\text{Z}^4 = \text{F}$ ,  $\text{Z}^1, \text{Z}^2, \text{Z}^5, \text{Z}^6 = \text{H}$   
 $\text{R}^{10}, \text{R}^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are  
 10 each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where one or two nonterminal  $-\text{CH}_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ ,  $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})-$ ,  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{O}-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $\text{R}^{10}, \text{R}^{11}$  can be hydrogen.

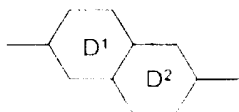
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 In (VII),  
 $\text{Z}^1$  and  $\text{Z}^2$  are both F;  $\text{Z}^3$  and  $\text{Z}^4$  are both H  
 $\text{R}^{10}, \text{R}^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are  
 20 each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where one or two nonterminal  $-\text{CH}_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ ,  $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})-$ ,  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{O}-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $\text{R}^{10}, \text{R}^{11}$  can be hydrogen.

- 25 In (VIII),  is pyridine-2,5-diyl, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl

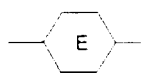


is phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F,

- p, q, s are each zero or 1; their sum being zero or 1  
 30  $\text{R}^{10}, \text{R}^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where one or two nonterminal  $-\text{CH}_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ ,  $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})-$ ,  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{O}-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F  
 35 with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $\text{R}^{10}, \text{R}^{11}$  can be hydrogen.

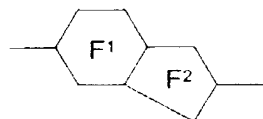


In (IX), is naphthalene-2,6-diyl or 1-fluoronaphthalene-2,6-diyl

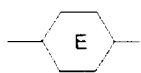


5 is phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, pyridine-2,5-diyl, 2-fluoropyridine-3,6-diyl, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl

$R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where  
10 one or two nonterminal  $-CH_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-CH=CH-$ ,  $-OC(=O)-$ ,  $-C(=O)O-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  can be hydrogen.



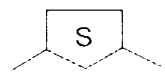
15 In (X), is benzothiazole-2,6-diyl, possibly also indane-2,5-diyl



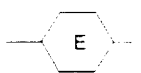
is phenylene-1,4-diyl, pyridine-2,5-diyl, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl  
p is 1

q is zero

20  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where one or two nonterminal  $-CH_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-CH=CH-$ ,  $-OC(=O)-$ ,  $-C(=O)O-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F  
25 with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  can be hydrogen.



In (IX), is (1,3,4)-thiadiazole-2,5-diyl

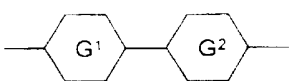


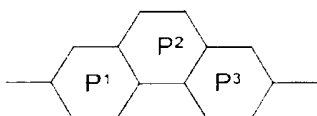
30 is phenylene-1,4-diyl, pyridine-2,5-diyl, cyclohexane-1,4-diyl

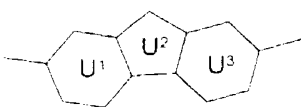
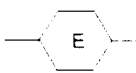
p is zero or 1

q is zero or 1, with the proviso that q is zero when p is 1

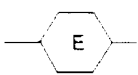
- $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where one or two nonterminal  $-CH_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-CH=CH-$ ,  $-OC(=O)-$ ,  $-C(=O)O-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  can be hydrogen.

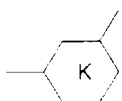
- In (XII),  is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of 1,1'-biphenyl-4,4'-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, 1,1'-phenylcyclohexyl-4,4'-diyl,  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where one or two nonterminal  $-CH_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-CH=CH-$ ,  $-OC(=O)-$ ,  $-C(=O)O-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  can be hydrogen.

- In (XIII),  is phenanthrene-2,7-diyl, 1-fluorophenanthrene-2,7-diyl or 1,8-difluorophenanthrene-2,7-diyl, in which  $P^2$  may alternatively be a (saturated) alicycle  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where one or two nonterminal  $-CH_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-CH=CH-$ ,  $-OC(=O)-$ ,  $-C(=O)O-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  can be hydrogen p is zero.



- In (XIV),  is a bivalent fluorene-2,7-diyl radical
- 30  is a phenylene-2,4-diyl radical
- p is zero or 1



$R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where one or two nonterminal  $-CH_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-CH=CH-$ ,  
 5  $-OC(=O)-$ ,  $-C(=O)O-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  can be hydrogen.

In (XV),  is phenylene-1,4-diyl, pyridine-2,5-diyl, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl,  
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 is phenylene-1,3-diyl

$p$  is 1  
 $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where  
 15 one or two nonterminal  $-CH_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-CH=CH-$ ,  $-OC(=O)-$ ,  $-C(=O)O-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  can be hydrogen.


20 In (XVI), ,  is phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, naphthalene-2,6-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F

,  is phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, mono-  
 25 substituted or disubstituted by F, cyclohexane-1,4-diyl, pyridine-2,5-diyl, 2-fluoropyridine-3,6-diyl, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl

$r$  is 1  
 $q$ ,  $s$  are each zero or 1, their sum being 1  
 $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are  
 30 each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where one or two nonterminal  $-CH_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-CH=CH-$ ,  $-OC(=O)-$ ,  $-C(=O)O-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  can be hydrogen.

In (XVII),  is phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, cyclohexane-1,4-diyl, pyridine-2,5-diyl, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, (1,3,4)-thiadiazole-2,5-diyl

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 is phenylene-1,4-diyl, unsubstituted, monosubstituted or disubstituted by F, cyclohexane-1,4-diyl, pyridine-2,5-diyl, 2-fluoropyridine-3,6-diyl, pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, (1,3,4)-thiadiazole-2,5-diyl  
q, s are each zero or 1; their sum being 0 or 1

- 10  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where one or two nonterminal  $-CH_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-CH=CH-$ ,  $-OC(=O)-$ ,  $-C(=O)O-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F  
15 with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  can be hydrogen.

The liquid-crystal mixture preferably consists of 3-30 compounds and comprises at least one compound of the formula (I) and at least one compound of the formula (II) and, if desired, at least one compound of the  
20 formula (III).

Preferably, the liquid-crystal mixture additionally comprises at least one compound selected from the groups (IV), (V), (VI), (VII).

25 Particularly preferably, the liquid-crystal mixture additionally comprises at least one compound selected from the groups (VIII), (IX), (XII), (XVI), (XVII). Likewise particularly preferably, the liquid-crystal mixture additionally comprises at least one compound selected from the groups (X), (XI), (XIV), (XV).

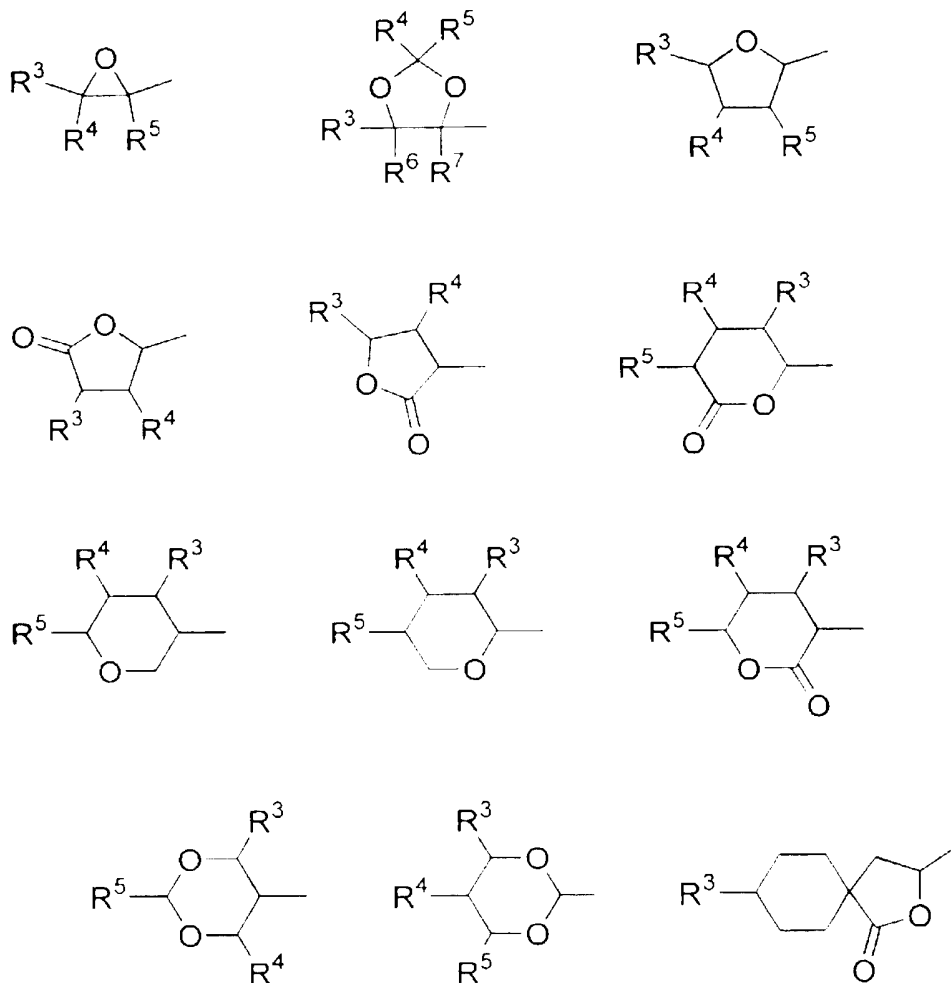
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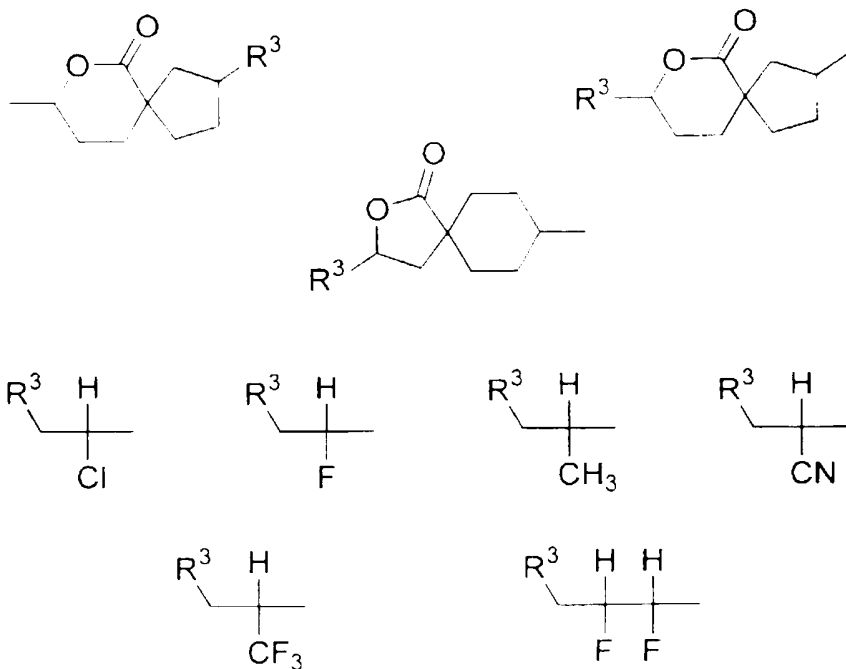
The liquid-crystal mixture may also comprise at least one compound of the formula (XIII).

35 Preferably, the mixture additionally comprises at least one compound selected from the group (I) to (XVII), where

- $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where one or two nonterminal  $-CH_2-$  groups may be replaced by  $-CH=CH-$ ,  $-OC(=O)-$ ,  $-C(=O)O-$  and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  can be hydrogen and where, in addition, the terminal  $-CH_3-$  group in at least one of  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  is replaced by one of the following chiral groups (optically active):

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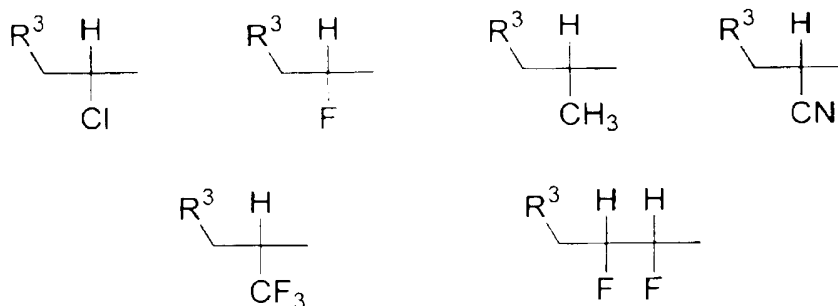


$R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7$  are identical or different and are each

- a) hydrogen
- 5 b) a straight-chain or branched alkyl radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 1 to 16 carbon atoms, where
  - b1) one or more nonadjacent and nonterminal CH<sub>2</sub> groups may be replaced by -O- and/or
  - 10 b2) one or two CH<sub>2</sub> groups may be replaced by -CH=CH-,
- c)  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  together may alternatively be -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>- or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>- if they are attached to an oxirane, dioxolane, tetrahydrofuran, tetrahydropyran, butyrolactone or valerolactone system.
- 15 Particularly preferably, the mixture comprises 1 to 5 compounds selected from the group (I) to (XVII), where
 

$R^{10}, R^{11}$  are, independently of one another, identical or different and are each hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 2 - 16 carbon atoms, where

- 20 one or two nonterminal -CH<sub>2</sub>- groups may be replaced by -CH=CH-, -OC(=O)-, -C(=O)O- and one or more H atoms may be replaced by F with the proviso that only one of the radicals  $R^{10}, R^{11}$  can be hydrogen and where, in addition, the terminal -CH<sub>3</sub>- group in at least one of  $R^{10}, R^{11}$  is replaced by one of the following chiral groups (optically active):



- 5  $R^3$  is hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl radical (with or without asymmetric carbon atoms) having 1 to 16 carbon atoms.

Preference is given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including

- 10 1 to 15 compounds of the formula (I)  
1 to 15 compounds of the formula (II)  
1 to 7 compounds of the formula (III).

Preference is furthermore given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including

- 15 1 to 15 compounds of the formula (I)  
1 to 15 compounds of the formula (II)  
1 to 7 compounds of the formula (III)  
1 to 7 compounds of the formula (IV).

- 20 Preference is furthermore given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including

- 1 to 15 compounds of the formula (I)  
1 to 15 compounds of the formula (II)  
1 to 7 compounds of the formula (III)  
25 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (IV)  
1 to 7 compounds of the formula (V).

Preference is furthermore given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including

- 30 1 to 15 compounds of the formula (I)  
1 to 15 compounds of the formula (II)  
1 to 7 compounds of the formula (III)

- 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (IV)
- 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (V)
- 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (VI).

- 5 Preference is furthermore given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including
- 1 to 15 compounds of the formula (I)
  - 1 to 15 compounds of the formula (II)
  - 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (III)
  - 10 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (IV)
  - 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (VI)
  - 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (VII).

- Preference is furthermore given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention
- 15 which comprise 3 to 25 components, including
- 1 to 15 compounds of the formula (I)
  - 1 to 15 compounds of the formula (II)
  - 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (III)
  - 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (IV)
  - 20 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (VI).

- Preference is furthermore given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including
- 1 to 15 compounds of the formula (I)
  - 25 1 to 15 compounds of the formula (II)
  - 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (III)
  - 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (IV)
  - 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (VI)
  - 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (XII).

- 30 Preference is furthermore given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including
- 1 to 15 compounds of the formula (I)
  - 1 to 15 compounds of the formula (II)
  - 35 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (III)
  - 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (IV)
  - 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (V)
  - 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (VI)
  - 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (VII).

Preference is furthermore given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including

- 1 to 15 compounds of the formula (I)
- 5        1 to 15 compounds of the formula (II)
- 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (IV).

Preference is furthermore given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including

- 10        1 to 15 compounds of the formula (I)
- 1 to 15 compounds of the formula (II)
- 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (IV)
- 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (VI).

15        Preference is furthermore given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including

- 1 to 15 compounds of the formula (I)
- 1 to 15 compounds of the formula (II)
- 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (IV)
- 20        1 to 7 compounds of the formula (XII).

Preference is furthermore given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including

- 1 to 15 compounds of the formula (I)
- 25        1 to 15 compounds of the formula (II)
- 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (IV)
- 1 to 7 compounds of the formula (IX).

Particular preference is given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including

- 30        1 to 12 compounds of the formula (I)
- 2 to 12 compounds of the formula (II)
- 1 to 5 compounds of the formula (III).

35        Particular preference is given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including

- 1 to 12 compounds of the formula (I)
- 2 to 12 compounds of the formula (II)
- 1 to 5 compounds of the formula (III)

- 1 to 5 compounds of the formula (IV)
- 1 to 5 compounds of the formula (VI)
- 1 to 5 compounds of the formula (VII).

- 5 Particular preference is given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including
- 1 to 12 compounds of the formula (I)
  - 2 to 12 compounds of the formula (II)
  - 1 to 5 compounds of the formula (III)
  - 10 1 to 5 compounds of the formula (IV)
  - 1 to 5 compounds of the formula (VI).

- Particular preference is given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including
- 15 1 to 12 compounds of the formula (I)
  - 2 to 12 compounds of the formula (II)
  - 1 to 5 compounds of the formula (III)
  - 1 to 5 compounds of the formula (IV)
  - 1 to 5 compounds of the formula (VI)
  - 20 1 to 5 compounds of the formula (XII).

- Particular preference is given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including
- 1 to 12 compounds of the formula (I)
  - 25 2 to 12 compounds of the formula (II)
  - 1 to 5 compounds of the formula (IV).

- Particular preference is given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including
- 30 1 to 12 compounds of the formula (I)
  - 2 to 12 compounds of the formula (II)
  - 1 to 5 compounds of the formula (IV)
  - 1 to 5 compounds of the formula (VI).

- 35 Particular preference is given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 25 components, including
- 1 to 12 compounds of the formula (I)
  - 2 to 12 compounds of the formula (II)
  - 1 to 5 compounds of the formula (IV)

1 to 5 compounds of the formula (VI)

1 to 5 compounds of the formula (VII).

- 5 Very particular preference is given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 23 components, including
- 1 to 8 compounds of the formula (I)
  - 2 to 10 compounds of the formula (II)
  - 1 to 3 compounds of the formula (III).

- 10 Very particular preference is furthermore given to liquid-crystal mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 23 components, including
- 1 to 8 compounds of the formula (I)
  - 2 to 10 compounds of the formula (II), in which, in at least one compound, a  $-\text{CH}_2-$  group is replaced by  $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})-$
  - 15 1 to 3 compounds of the formula (III).

According to one embodiment of the invention, very particular preference is furthermore given to mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 30 components, including

- 20 4 to 8 compounds of the formula (I)
- 1 to 10 compounds of the formula (II)
  - 1 to 4 compounds of the formula (VI)
  - 1 to 4 compounds of the formula (X)
  - 1 to 4 compounds of the formula (XI).

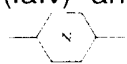
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In a particular embodiment of this very particularly preferred mixture, the mixture comprises at least one compound of the formula (Ia), at least one compound of the formula (Ib), at least 3 compounds of the formula (II) and at least one compound of each of the formulae (VI), (X) and (XI).

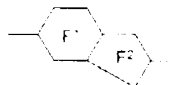
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In a most preferred embodiment, said at least one compound of the formula (Ia) and at least one compound of the formula (Ib) include at least one compound of the formula (IaIh) and at least one compound of the formula (IaIv) and at least one compound of the formula (IbIa), where in (II)

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is pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, in (VI),  $Z^1$  and  $Z^2$  are each F, in (X),



in benzothiazole-2,6-diyl, and in (XI),





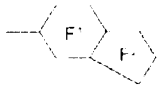

is

thiazole-2,5-diyl.


According to one embodiment of the invention, very particular preference is furthermore given to mixtures of the invention which comprise 3 to 30 components, including

- 5           4 to 8 compounds of the formula (I)  
           1 to 10 compounds of the formula (II)  
           1 to 4 compounds of the formula (IV)  
           1 to 4 compounds of the formula (VI)  
           1 to 4 compounds of the formula (X)  
 10       1 to 4 compounds of the formula (XI).

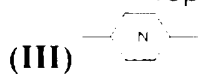
In a special embodiment of this very particularly preferred mixture, the mixture comprises at least one compound of the formula (Ia), at least one compound of the formula (Ib), at least three compounds of the formula (II)  
 15       and at least one compound of each of the formulae (IV), (VI), (X) and (XI).

In a most preferred embodiment, said at least one compound of the formula (Ia) and one compound of the formula (Ib) include at least 1 compound of the formula (Ia<sub>h</sub>) and at least 1 compound of the formula (Ia<sub>v</sub>) and, if  
 20       desired, at least one compound of the formula (Ia<sub>n</sub>) and at least 1 compound of the formula (Ib<sub>la</sub>), where, in (II),  is pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, in (IV),  is pyrimidine-2,5-diyl, pyridine-2,5-diyl or 2-fluoropyridine-3,6-diyl, in (VI), Z<sup>1</sup> and Z<sup>2</sup> are each F, in (X),  is benzothiazole-2,6-diyl, and, in (XI),  is thiazole-  
 25       2,5-diyl.

In a particular embodiment of the very particularly preferred liquid-crystal mixture, in

- 30       (II)        is pyrimidine-2,5-diyl,  
           Z<sup>1</sup>, Z<sup>2</sup> are both H or both F,  
           R<sup>10</sup> is a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical having 6 to 14 carbon atoms, where one or two -CH<sub>2</sub>-groups may be replaced by -O- and/or -C(=O)-,

$R^{11}$  is a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical having 6 to 14 carbon atoms, where one or two  $-CH_2$ -groups may be replaced by  $-O-$  and/or  $-C(=O)-$ ,



is 2-fluoro-pyridine-3,6-diyl

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is cyclohexane-1,4-diyl

$R^{10}$  is a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical having 6 to 14 carbon atoms, where one or two  $-CH_2$ -groups may be replaced by  $-O-$  and/or  $-C(=O)-$  and one H atom may be replaced by F

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$R^{12}$  is hydrogen or a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkyloxy radical having 6 to 14 carbon atoms, where one or two  $-CH_2$ -groups may be replaced by  $-O-$  and/or  $-C(=O)-$ .

15 In a very particular embodiment of the very particularly preferred liquid-crystal mixture,

(II) is 5-alkyl-2-(4-alkyloxyphenyl)pyrimidine, 5-alkyl-2-(4-alkylcarbonyloxyphenyl)pyrimidine, 5-alkylcarbonyloxy-2-(4-alkyloxyphenyl)pyrimidine or 5-alkyl-2-(4-alkyloxy-2,3-difluorophenyl)pyrimidine

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and,

(III)  $R^{10}$  is a straight-chain alkyloxy radical having 6 to 14 carbon atoms, where one H atom is replaced by F

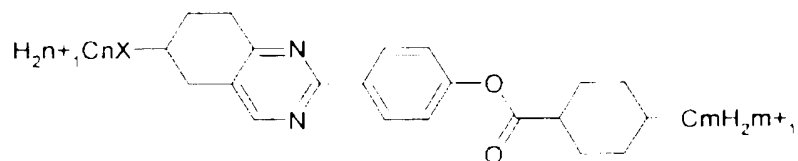
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$R^{12}$  is hydrogen.

The chiral smectic liquid-crystalline mixture preferably comprises 10-60% of one or more compounds of the formula (I). The mixture particularly preferably comprises 10-60% of 1-15 compounds of the formula (I). The mixture particularly preferably comprises 10-60% of 1-15 compounds of the formula (I) and 40-90% of 2-15 compounds of the formula (II). In particular, the mixture comprises 10-60% of 1-15 compounds of the formula (I), 40-90% of 2-15 compounds of the formula (II) and 1-40% of 1-15 compounds from the group (III), (IV), (V), (VI) and (VII), the total amount being 100%. The percentages are by weight.

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The invention furthermore provides compounds of the general formula (I), selected from the compounds of the formula (XX), where



n	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
m	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

n	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8
m	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

n	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
m	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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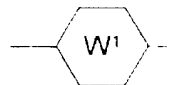
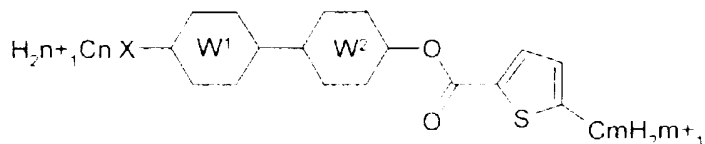
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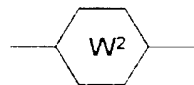
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n	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
m	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

Compounds of the formula (XXI), where:



is 2-fluoropyridine-3,6-diyl, 4-fluoropyrimidine-2,5-diyl or phenylene-1,4-diyl or possibly pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted, mono-substituted or disubstituted by F



5 is 2-fluoropyridine-3,6-diyl, 4-fluoropyrimidine-2,5-diyl or phenylene-1,4-diyl or possibly pyridine-2,5-diyl, unsubstituted, mono-substituted or disubstituted by F

10 with the provisos that a) one of the rings  $W^1/W^2$  must be one of the nitrogen-containing heterocycles and n and m are preferably from 1 to 14 and X is -O- or a single bond. n can alternatively be an integer from 2 to 10 and m can be an integer from 3 to 10

or preferably

15 b) the grasping  $W^1-W^2$  is undirected and is 3-fluorobiphenyl-4,4'-diyl or 2-fluorobiphenyl-4,4'-diyl, where n, m and X are as defined below

c) the grasping  $W^1-W^2$  is undirected and is 2,3-difluorobiphenyl-4,4'-diyl, where n and m are from 1 to 14 and X is -O- or a single bond.

n	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
m	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

n	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
m	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

n	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
m	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

n	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
m	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
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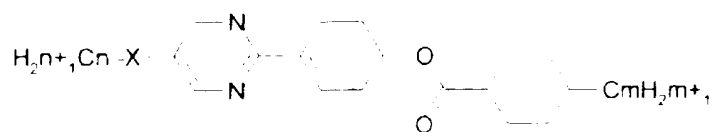
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X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	

n	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
m	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

Further possible combinations are  $n = 9$ ,  $m = 3-10$ ,  $X = -$  and  $n = 8$ ,  $m = 3-10$ ,  $X = O$ .

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Compounds of the formula (XXII), where:



n	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	11	12	13	13	13	13	13
m	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	6	11	6	6	4	5	6	7	8
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

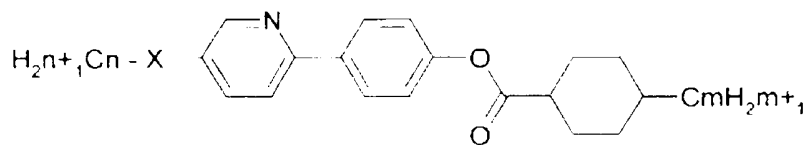
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m	9	10	11	5	6	7	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	4	7	8	9
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

n	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	11	11	11
m	10	11	11	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	6
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

n	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	14	14
m	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

n	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
m	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

Compounds of the formula (XXIII), where:



n	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
m	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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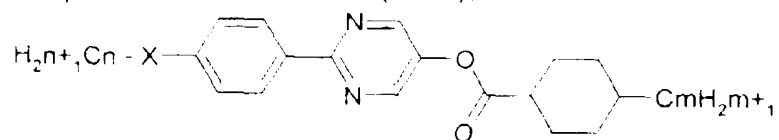
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m	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8		
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

n	14	14	14	14	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8
m	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4
X	-	-	-	-	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

n	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
m	5	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

n	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	13	13
m	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

Compounds of the formula (XXIV), where:

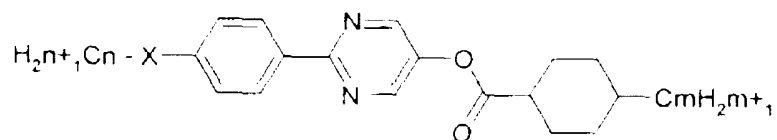


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X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

n	10	10	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	13	
m	9	10	11	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

n	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
m	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Compounds of the formula (XXV), where:



n	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
m	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	

n	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5
m	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	6	7	8
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

n	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8
m	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

n	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
m	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

n	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	13
m	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	6	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

n	13	13	13	13
m	8	9	10	11
X	O	O	O	O

or possibly

n	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
m	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

n	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5
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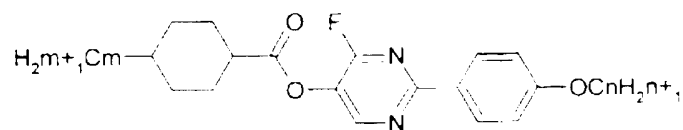
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X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

n	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
m	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

n	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	13
m	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	6	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

n	13	13	13	13
m	8	9	10	11
X	-	-	-	-

Compounds of the formula (XXVI), where:



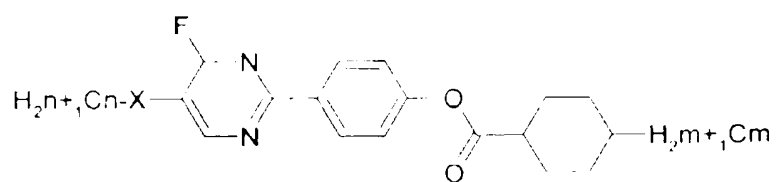
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n	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	11
m	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6

n	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
m	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6

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Compounds of the formula (XXVII), where:



n	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
m	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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n	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
m	3	4	5	6	7	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

n	13	13	13	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8
m	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	6	7
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

n	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	11	11	11	11
m	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

n	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
m	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

Compounds of the formula (XXIX), where



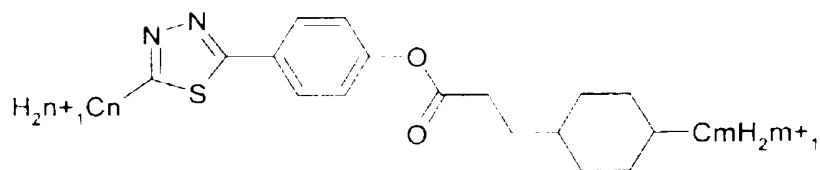
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m	8	10	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	19
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

n	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	
m	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

n	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
m	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	5	6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

Compounds of the formula (XXX), where:



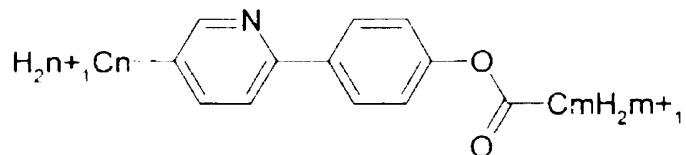
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m	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

n	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
m	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10

n	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
m	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

The invention furthermore provides compounds of the general formula (II), selected from compounds of the formula (XXXI), where:



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n	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12
m	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

n	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
m	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

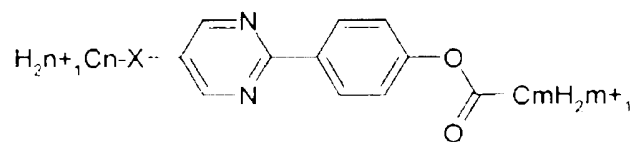
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m	11	12	3	5	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	11	12	3	4
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

n	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
m	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

n	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	14
m	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

n	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
m	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

Compounds of the formula (XXVIII), where:



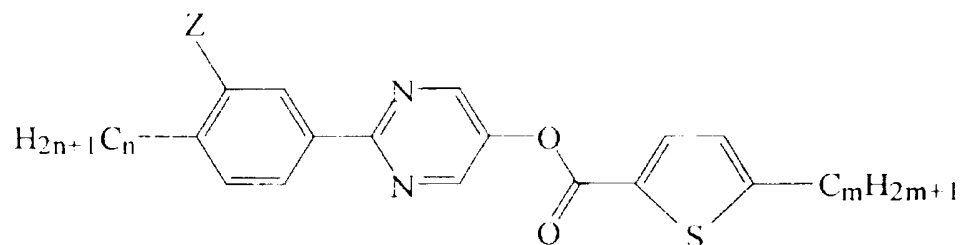
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m	5	5	5	5	6	6	7	7	7	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	11	11	11	11	11	12
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

n	11	12	13	14	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8
m	12	12	12	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	6
X	-	-	-	-	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

n	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	11	11	11	11
m	8	10	11	12	4	5	6	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

n	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
m	8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

Compounds of the general formula (XXXII), where:



n	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7
m	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2	3	4	5

n	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10
m	6	7	8	9	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2	3	4	5	6

n	10	10	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	13
m	7	8	9	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2	3	4

n	13	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
m	5	6	7	8	9	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

and where Z is H or F in all cases.

- 5 Thiophenecarboxylic esters in which the heterocycle may not be fluorinated are generally described in EP-A-0 364 923. EP-A-0 459 406 describes thiophenecarboxylic esters in which the phenyl group has to be substituted by fluorine. In EP-A-0 392 510, the phenylene group has to be 2,3-cyano-substituted.

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Tetrahydroquinazolines are generally described in US 4,402,849. An example of compounds of this type can be found in JP-A-08059629, and in JP-A-08062559 and JP-A-07207267.

- 15 The examples which follow illustrate the invention. Mixtures according to the invention are given in Examples 1-15.

### Example 1

- 20 An LCD test cell is prepared from two commercially available glass plates which are transparently and conductively coated with indium-tin oxide. The plates are spin-coated (2 500 rpm, 10 s) with the alignment layer LQT-120 (from Hitachi Chemicals KK) which was diluted to 8.3% of its original solids content using N-methylpyrrolidone, cured by heating (230°C, 1 hour) and then aligned by subjecting them to a rubbing process (rubbing material:
- 25 rayon type YA-20-R\*, clearance 0.2 mm, once, roller speed 700 rpm, substrate speed 10 cm/s, roller diameter 10 cm).

The rubbed glass plates are arranged such that the rubbing direction is parallel, adhesively bonded to produce test cells and set  $1.3\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  apart by means of a spacer.

A mixture consisting of

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Compound	Content	Structure
1	24.1%	
2	24.1%	
3	19.2%	
4	28.9%	
5	3.8%	

having the phase transitions  $I/N^*$   $81.6\text{--}85.9$  and  $N^*/Sc^*$   $59.3^\circ\text{C}$  is introduced into the cell and initially aligned in the nematic or cholesteric phase by cooling. On further cooling, a 3 volt direct voltage is applied and the cell is transferred into the  $Sc^*$  phase (chiral smectic C) range at a cooling rate of  $2\text{ K/min}$ . During this process, a monostable monodomain is formed which is characterized by a certain temperature dependence of the tilt angle which is assessed by experiments in a polarizing microscope.

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The results are expressed by the value  $DT(T1, 1)$ , which means that, starting from a lower temperature  $T1$ , the tilt angle changes by less than  $1^\circ$  in the whole range from  $T1$  to  $(T1+DT)$ . For example,  $DT(15,1)=22$  means that the tilt angle changes by a maximum of  $1^\circ$  in the range from  $15^\circ\text{C}$  to  $37^\circ\text{C}$ .

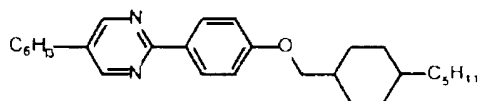
The  $DT$  values should generally be as high as possible to provide a broad operating temperature range without significant deviation of the director.  $DT$  values are always reported in degrees Celsius.

In the following inventive and comparative examples, the above-described alignment is carried out by applying the 3 volt direct voltage in the temperature range of  $\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  at the  $N/Sc^*$  phase transition point.

The mixture of Example 1 has the following values:  $DT(15,1) / DT(20,1) / DT(25,1) / DT(30,1)$ : 25 / 21 / 18 / 16 and thus a broad operating temperature range, as likewise illustrated by the examples below.

### Example 2

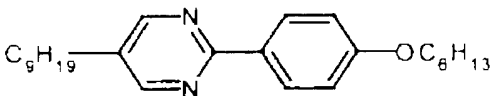
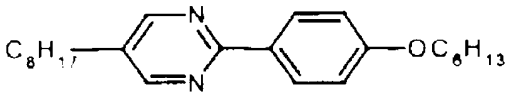
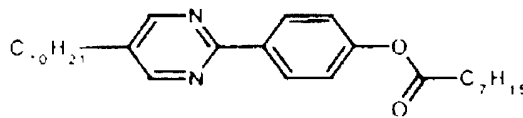
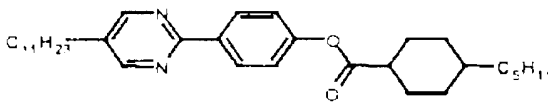
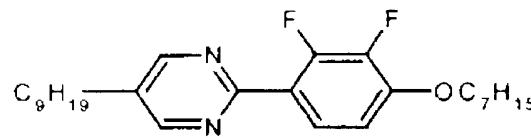
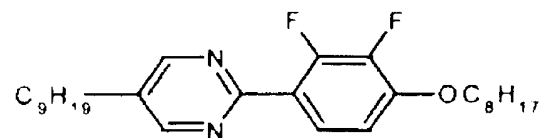
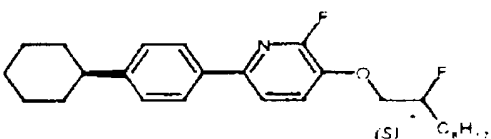
A mixture consisting of 19.28% of compound 1, 19.28% of compound 2, 15.36% of compound 3, 23.12% of compound 4 and 3.04% of compound 5 from Example 1 and 20% of the compound



has the phase transition values  $I / N^*$   $97.7-92.8$  and  $N^* / Sc^*$   $58.9^\circ\text{C}$  and the values  $DT(15,1) / DT(20,1) / DT(25,1) / DT(30,1)$ : 30 / 27 / 25 / 21.

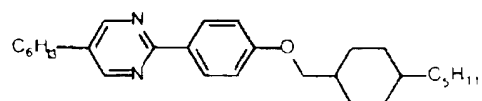
### Example 3

A mixture of the composition given below has the phase transition values  $I / N^*$   $78.9 - 74.4$  and  $N^* / Sc^*$   $57.3^\circ\text{C}$  and the values  $DT(10,1) / DT(15,1) / DT(30,1)$ : 22.5 / 20 / 17.5.

Compound	Content	Structure
1	19.2%	
2	19.2%	
3	15.4%	
4	23.1%	
5	10.0%	
6	10.0%	
7	3.0%	

**Example 4**

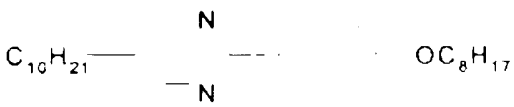
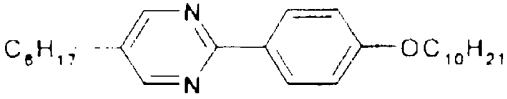
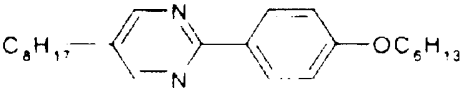
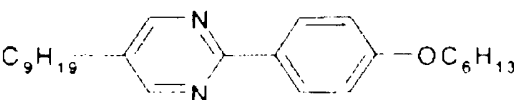
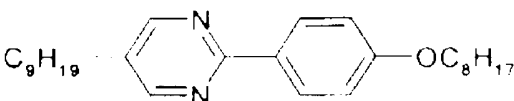
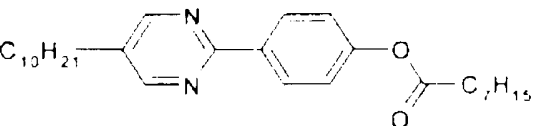
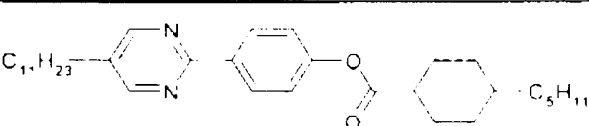
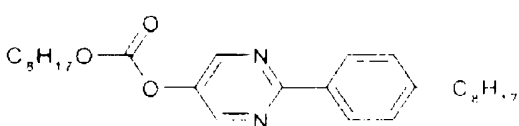
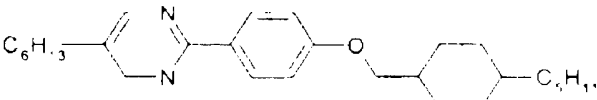
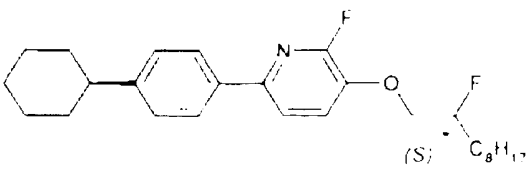
A mixture consisting of 16.23% of compound 1, 16.32% of compound 2, 18.1% of compound 3, 19.6% of compound 4, 8.5% of compound 5, 8.5% of compound 6, 2.55% of compound 7 from Example 3 and 15% of the compound



as the phase transition values I / N\* 92.2-87.8 and N\* / Sc\* 57.7°C and the values: DT(10,1) / DT (15,1) / DT (30,1): 27.5/23.8/18.

**5 Example 5**

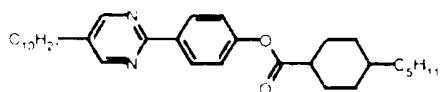
A mixture consisting of

% by weight	Structure
10,0%	 <chem>CCCCCCCCCNc1ccc(NCCCCCCCCC)cc1</chem>
10,0%	 <chem>CCCCCc1ccncc1-c1ccc(OCCCCCCCCC)cc1</chem>
8,0%	 <chem>CCCCCc1ccncc1-c1ccc(OCCCCC)cc1</chem>
8,0%	 <chem>CCCCCc1ccncc1-c1ccc(OCCCCC)cc1</chem>
10,0%	 <chem>CCCCCc1ccncc1-c1ccc(OCCCCCCC)cc1</chem>
10,0%	 <chem>CCCCCCCCC(=O)Oc1ccc(-c2ccncc2)cc1</chem>
21,0%	 <chem>CCCCCCCCCc1ccncc1-c1ccc(C2CCCCC2)cc1</chem>
10,0%	 <chem>CCCCCCCOCc1ccc(-c2ccncc2)cc1</chem>
10,0%	 <chem>CCCCCCCCOc1ccc(-c2ccncc2)cc1</chem>
3,0%	 <chem>CCCCCCCCOc1cc(F)nc(-c2ccc(C3CCCCC3)cc2)c1</chem>

has the phase transition values I / N\* 90.0-87.2 and N\* / Sc\* 65.1°C and the values DT (15,1) / DT (20,1) / DT (25,1) / DT (30,1): 30/27/25/25.

### Example 6

- 5 A mixture consisting of 85% of the mixture of Example 5 and 15% of the compound

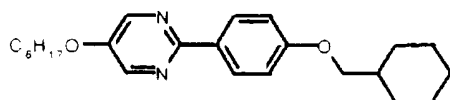


- 10 has the phase transitions I / N\* 94.9-92.2 and N\* / Sc\* 65.7°C and the values DT (15,1) / DT (20,1) / DT (25,1) / DT (30,1) 33.8 / 30 / 27.5 / 26.3.

### Example 7

A mixture consisting of 85% of the mixture of Example 5 and 15% of the compound

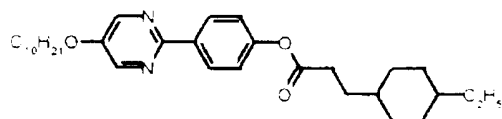
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has the phase transitions I / N\* 89.7-87.5 and N\* / Sc\* 66.3°C and the values DT (15,1) / DT (20,1) / DT (25,1) / DT (30,1) 27.5 / 25 / 22.5 / 20.

### Example 8

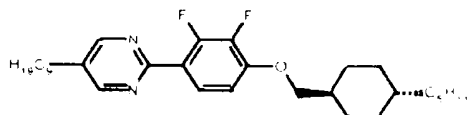
A mixture consisting of 85% of the mixture of Example 5 and 15% of the compound



- 25 has the phase transitions I / N\* 93.9-91.1 and N\* / Sc\* 67.6°C and the values DT (15,1) / DT (20,1) / DT (25,1) / DT (30,1) 27.5 / 25 / 25.

### Example 9

A mixture consisting of 85% of the mixture of Example 5 and 15% of the compound

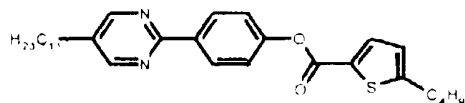


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has the phase transitions I / N\* 92.1-89.6 and N\* / Sc\* 63.1°C and the values DT (15,1) / DT (20,1) / DT (25,1) / DT (30,1) 26.3 / 23.8 / 22.5 / 20

### Example 11

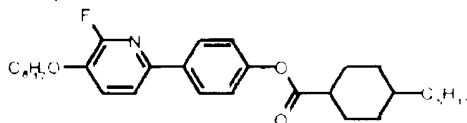
- 5 A mixture consisting of 85% of the mixture of Example 5 and 15% of the compound



- 10 has the phase transitions I / N\* 89.1-86.7 and N\* / Sc\* 61.4°C and the values DT (15,1) / DT (20,1) / DT (25,1) / DT (30,1) 27.5 / 26.3 / 22.5 / 21.3.

### Example 12

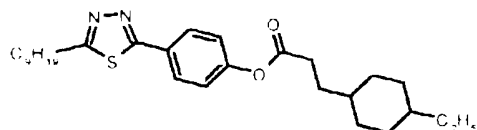
- 15 A mixture consisting of 85% of the mixture of Example 5 and 15% of the compound



has the phase transitions I / N\* 98.0-94.2 and N\* / Sc\* 71.7°C and the values: DT (15,1) / DT (20,1) / DT (25,1) / DT (30,1) 32.5 / 31.3 / 32.5 / 30.

### Example 13

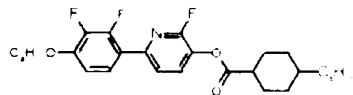
- 20 A mixture consisting of 85% of the mixture of Example 5 and 15% of the compound



- 25 has the phase transitions I / N\* 89.5-87.2 and N\* / Sc\* 69.7°C and the values DT (15,1) / DT (20,1) / DT (25,1) / DT (30,1) 42.5 / 40 / 35.5 / 32.

### Example 14

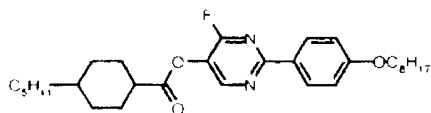
A mixture consisting of 85% of the mixture of Example 5 and 15% of the compound



has the phase transitions I / N\* 95.1-92.1 and N\* / Sc\* 64.6°C and the values DT (15,1) / DT (20,1) / DT (25,1) / DT (30,1) 35 / 40 / 35.5 / 31.5.

### 5 Example 15

A mixture consisting of 85% of the mixture of Example 5 and 15% of the compound



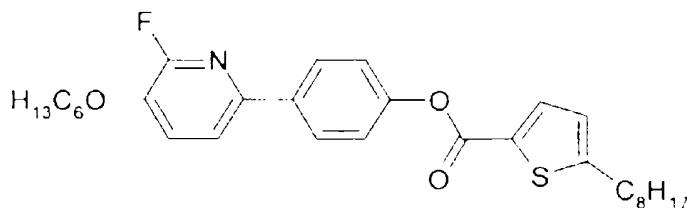
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has the phase transitions I / N\* 99.6-96.0 and N\* / Sc\* 63.2°C and the values DT (15,1) / DT (20,1) / DT (25,1) / DT (30,1) 32.5 / 30 / 28.8 / 26.

The compounds according to the invention are further illustrated by Examples 16-25.

### Example 16

4-(2-Fluoro-3-hexyloxypryridine6-yl)phenyl 5-octylthiophene-2-carboxylate



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0.8 g of 4-(2-fluoro-3-hexyloxypryridine-6-yl)phenol and 0.7 g 5-octylthiophene-2-carboxylic acid are reacted in 100 ml of dichloromethane in the presence of 0.6 g of dicyclohexylcarbodiimide. Workup by filtration, column chromatography and recrystallization gives 1 g of colorless crystals having a melting point of 101°C and a clearing point of 124°C.

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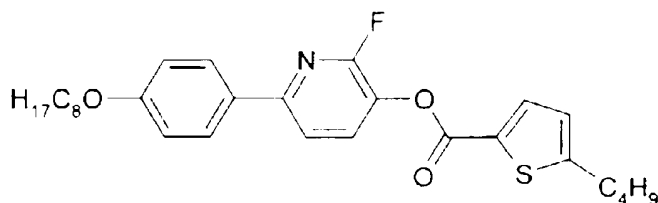
The following compounds are obtained in a similar manner:

**Example 17**

4-(2-Fluoro-3-hexyloxyphenyl)phenyl 5-hexylthiophene-2-carboxylate  
having a melting point of 95°C and a clearing point of 126°C.

5 **Example 18**

6-(4-Octyloxyphenyl)-2-fluoropyridin-3-yl 5-butylthiophene-2-carboxylate

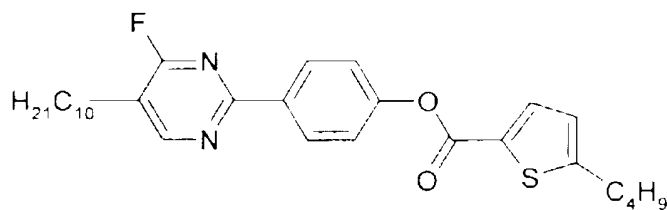


having a melting point of 86°C and a clearing point of 114°C.

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**Example 19**

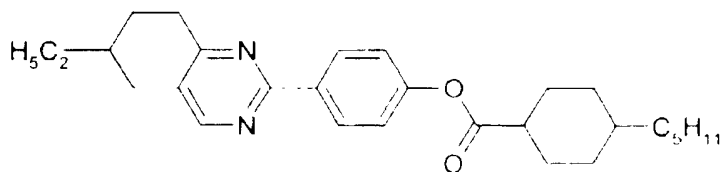
4-(5-Decyl-4-fluoropyrimidin-2-yl)phenyl 5-butylthiophene-2-carboxylate



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**Example 20**

4-(6-Ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinazolin-2-yl)phenyl trans-4-pentylcyclohexanecarboxylate



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Phase sequence X 114 N 216 I

**Example 21**

4-(6-Nonyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinazolin-2-yl)phenyl trans-4-pentylcyclohexanecarboxylate

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Phase sequence X 112 S<sub>C</sub> 124 S<sub>A</sub> 143 N 204 I

**Example 22**

4-(6-Nonyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinazolin-2-yl)phenyl trans-4-propylcyclohexanecarboxylate

Phase sequence X 111 (S<sub>C</sub> 100) S<sub>A</sub> 124 N 202 I

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**Example 23**

4-(6-Propyloxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinazolin-2-yl)phenyl trans-4-pentylcyclohexanecarboxylate

Phase sequence X 99 N 175 I

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**Example 24**

4-(6-Hexyloxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinazolin-2-yl)phenyl trans-4-pentylcyclohexanecarboxylate

Phase sequence X 100 N 155

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**Example 25**

4-(6-Octyloxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinazolin-2-yl)phenyl trans-4-pentylcyclohexanecarboxylate

Phase sequence X 97 (S<sub>C</sub>95) N 145 I

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**Example 26**

4-(5-Tetradecylpyrimidin-2-yl)phenyl trans-4-pentylcyclohexanecarboxylate

Phase sequence X 555<sub>2</sub> 96 S<sub>C</sub> 130 N 151 I

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**Example 27**

4-(5-Tetradecylpyrimidin-2-yl)phenyl trans-4-hexylcyclohexanecarboxylate

Phase sequence X 77 S<sub>2</sub> 105 S<sub>C</sub> 133 N 147 I

**Example 28**

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4-(5-Tetradecylpyrimidin-2-yl)phenyl trans-4-heptylcyclohexanecarboxylate

Phase sequence X 41 S<sub>2</sub> 108 S<sub>C</sub> 136 N 148 I

**Example 29**

2-(4-Undecylphenyl)pyrimidin-5-yl trans-4-propylcyclohexanecarboxylate

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Phase sequence X 77 S<sub>A</sub> 165 N 171 I

**Example 30**

2-(4-Undecylphenyl)pyrimidin-2-yl 5-pentylthiophene-2-carboxylate

Phase sequence X 86 S<sub>A</sub> 91 N 111 I

5 **Example 31**

4-(2-Fluoro-4-undecylphenyl)phenyl 5-pentylthiophene-2-carboxylate

Phase sequence X 41 N 79 I

**Example 32**

10 4-(5-undecylpyridin-2-yl)-2-fluorophenyl 5-pentylthiophene-2-carboxylate

Phase sequence X 74 N 89 I

**Example 33**

4-(5-Undecylpyridin-2-yl)phenyl 5-pentylthiophene-2-carboxylate

15 Phase sequence X 61 S<sub>2</sub> 65 S<sub>C</sub> 89 N 112 I